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15th "	PENINSULAR	5294	MONGOLIA	6505
22nd "	ARCADIA	6603		
29th "	ORIENTAL	5281	MARMORA	10509
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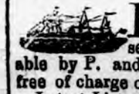

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1. To receive and adopt the Directors Report and Audited Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st March, 1905.
2. To sanction the payment of a Dividend.
3. To elect Directors in place of those who retire by rotation but who are eligible for re-election.
4. To elect Auditors for the ensuing year and fix their remuneration.

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THE steamer Francisco Ciampa, 2188 tons, Captain G Marsecs, will sail to-day for Calcutta via Colombo, with the same bottom cargo.

THE steamer King Robert, 2512 tons, Captain R M Saunders, arrived in harbour on the 6th instant from Calcutta 12th May in ballast.

THE Asiatic S N Co's steamer Nizam, 2011 tons, Captain P J Morgan, arrived in harbour yesterday from Calcutta 18th May via Coast ports, with a general cargo.

THE City Line steamer City of Karachi, 3,513 tons, Captain T Collins, arrived in harbour yesterday from Liverpool 14th May, with a general cargo, and 2 deck passengers.

THE Wilson Line steamer Othello, 3327 tons, Captain H Bradley, arrived in harbour yesterday from Hull 6th May with a general and coal and 2 cabin and nine deck passengers.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Henzada, 1340 tons, Captain E B Hirst, arrived in harbour yesterday from the Persian Gulf via Karachi, with a general cargo, 14 cases opium, and one deck passenger.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Dumra, 762 tons, Captain E B Hirst, will sail to-day for the Persian Gulf via Karachi, with a general cargo, and Miss S Opie, Mr N Sulleman and 65 deck passengers.

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In the Stream.

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VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.—JUNE 7.

Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
India	3591	Forbes			M M & Co
Eden (bque)	414	Souton			The Captain
Surada	3400	Engind			M Mackenzie & Co
Hashemi	2179	Molony			B & P S N Co
Shahnoor	2198	Davison			E Tajbhoy
Idar	2610	Milne			K Nizon & Co
Coromandel	2783	Montford	China	13-6	P & O Co
Bunderath	196	Tepe			A Strandeo
Upada	3382	Sheldrick			M M & Co
Ranee	3624	Colran			T M & Co
Scindia	2050	Hawkes			M M & Co
Peninsular	2920		Falmer		P & O Co
Anchen Creg	2542	Reid			
Vadala	2164	Skinner			M M & Co
Obra	3496		Johnston		M M & Co
Saga	299	Moe		P F	Campbell & Co
Klorican	2231		Work		Clory Bros
Kapurthala	721	Butler			M M & Co
Henzada	1340	Hirst			M M & Co
City of Karachi	3343	Collins			K N & Co
Nizam	2041	Morgan			T M & Co
King Robert	2512	Saunders			R A Willis & Co
Othello	3327	Bradley			P Muir & Co

P. D. H. W.

Indravati	513	Mohamed	Karachi 10-6 Shpd & Co

M. D. D. P. D.

Chusan	2852	Kenrick	Shanghai 13-6 P & G Co

VICTORIA DOCK.

2	Umta	3492	Lee		M M & Co
3	Deo Balduino	3044	Antonio	Genoa 15-6	G Crecco
4	Ischia	2784	Coghlioto	China 17-6	G Crocco
5	Vimeira	1745		Howat	W & A Graham & Co
7	Provincia	2245	Comrade	Barcelona 17-6	T M & Co
8	Clan Robertson	3103	Coty	Marseilles 24-6	F M & Co
9	Kt Bachelor	4141	Finnis	M'seilles 10 6	K Nizon & Co
10&11	Drachenfels	4701	Lontig	Hamburg 24-6	Glade&Co
12	Persia	4198	Haughton	London 10-6	P & O Co
15	Clydesdale	2295	Landberg	Kurrachi 8-6	M M & Co
16	Linga	948	Rickford	Gulf 9-6	M M & Co

V. D. H. W.

Dumra	762	Williams	Busreh 8-6 M M & Co

ARRIVALS.

June	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
6	King Robert s	Saunders	Calcutta, May 12
7	Nizam s	Morgon	Calcutta, May 12
	City of Karachi s	Collins	Liverpool, May 14
	Henzada s	Hirst	Busreh, May 30
	Othello s	Bradley	Hull, May 6

The following vessels obtained their port clearances yesterday :—

Steamer Dumra, Hirst, for Persian Gulf
" Transvaal, Smith, for Garsten
" Clydesdale, Lundsburg, for Karachi
" F Ciampa, Marsecs, for Calcutta

The following vessels entered for loading yesterday :—

Steamer Provincia, for Marseilles and Barcelona
" Henzada, for Persian Gulf
" Nizam for Calcutta
" King Robert, for Philadelphia

MADRAS.

ARRIVALS.

June	Vessel.	From
3	Axenfels	Middlesbro'
4	Manora	Calcutta
5	Clan Gordon	Coast

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

LONDON, JUNE 6.

The B I S N Co's steamer Goorkha passed Lisbon on the evening of the 6th inst.

The City of Sparta of City Line Co's arrived at Suez from Bombay on the morning of the 6th inst.

The City of Agra left Suez for Bombay on the evening of the 4th inst.

SINGAPORE, JUNE 6.

The steamer Clan Mackenzie arrived here yesterday morning.

The P and O steamer Pekin left here this afternoon due Bombay at 6 a m on Sunday the 18th June.

The Austrian Lloyd's steamer Imperator, from Bombay arrived at Aden on the evening of the 6th instant.

DAILY EXPORTS.—JUNE 7.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Stanley Hall s—620 cwts wheat Sanday and Co

FOR AMSTERDAM.

Clan Chattan s—2069 cwts linseed 2000 cwts linseed Volkart Bros

FOR LONDON.

Persia s—400 cwts kurdeeseed 300 cwts nigerseed Volkart Bros ; 4 bales carpets Tawner and Co ; 117 bales hemp David Sassoon and Co ; 2 bales skins Esmail Sowjee ; 35 bales skins Ewart Latham and Co ; 12 bales piece goods Ardesher and Byramjee ; 140 cwts dry ginger H Virdhore : 4 bales hides W and A Graham and Co ; 300 cwts dillseed A Blaschcck and Co ; 17 cwts methiseed and 2 cwts dryginger D Vallybhai and Co

FOR ANTWERP.

Clan Roberson s—220 bales cotton The Bombay Co ; 330 bales cotton Giado and Co ; 110 bales cotton E Spinner and Co ; 2000 cwts poppyseed and 1229 cwts linseed Nanalo Khairaz and Co ; 485 bales cotton fly and 110 bales twist waste H Peerbhoy and 101 cwts gum P Jethabhoy

Drachenfels s—202 bales hemp Purabotam Bhimjee 10000 cwts wheat 19084 cwts linseed 2938 cwts teelseed 5038 cwts rapeseed Ralli Brothers 206 cwts gum P Jethabhoy

FOR HAMBURG.

Ersobenfels s—110 bales cotton F F Campbell and Co ; 560 bales cotton Ralli Brothers ; 100 cwt gum D Vullybhai and Co ; 410 bales cotton A Blascheck and Co ; 160 cwt myrabolams and 203 cwt gum P Jethabhoy.

Clan Lindsay s—1996 cwt linseed J A Begbie and Co,

FOR MARSEILLES.

Kt Bachelor s—2000 cwt wheat M C Michaelidi and Co.

Clan Robertsen s—1500 cwt wheat Ralli Bros.

FOR DUNKIRK.

Kt Bachelor s—110 bales cotton E Spinner and Co ; 1551 cwt linseed E D Sassoon and Co ; 200 cwt gum H Virdhore : 2000 cwt linseed A Blascheck and Co,

FOR LEGHORN.

Deo Balduino s—109 bales cotton Volkart Bros.

FOR GENOA.

Stanley Hall s—100 cwt gum P Jethabhoy ; 100 bales cotton Walter Pavri and Co ; 1250 bales cotton Ralli Brothers ; 2955 cwt linseed D Sassoon and Co.

Deo Balduino s—400 bales cotton Volkart Bros.

FOR BARCELONA.

Provincia s—6000 cwts wheat M C Michaelidi and Co ; 2000 cwts linseed 4000 cwts castorseed and 2000 cwts groundnuts Volkart Brothers 4000 cwts wheat 1000 cwts linseed John Fachiri ; 46000 cwts wheat Sonday and Co ; 800 bales cotton Volkart Bros

FOR PHILADELPHIA.

King Robert s—5800 tons manganese ore R A Willis

FOR ODESSA.

Deo Balduino s—62 cwts oilbanum D Vallabhai and Co ; 62 cwts gum P Jethabhoy.

FOR KOBE.

Alavia s—4000 cwt barley Nanseer anjee Bros and Co ; 16000 cwt barley Nansee Khairaz and Co ; 14 bales coir yarn and 30 cwt coir fibre N Futehally and Co ; 100 bundles mats A K Ahmed.

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

LONDON, JUNE 6.

SECURITIES—

2 1-2 per cent. Consols	89 3/16	= + 1/8
2 do. Rentes	99 3/4	= unchanged
3 1-2 do. Indian Sterling Loan	95	= do
3 1-2 per cent. Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper	85 3/4	= — 1/16

SILVER—

Spot in London	26 13/16	= unchanged
2 months hence	26 5/8	= do
Spot in New York	53 1/4	= do

EXCHANGES—

Paris cheques	25·18 1/2	= — 1/2
Berlin	20·43 1/2	= — 1/4
New York Demand	4·87	= unchanged

DISCOUNTS—

Bank of England	2 1/2 per cent	= unchanged
3 months sight Bank Bills	2 per cent	= — 1/8
3 " " Fine Trade Bills	2 1/8 per cent	= unchanged
3 " " Fine Trade Bills	2 3/8 per cent	= do
3 months sight Fine Trade Bills	2 5/8 per cent	= do

INTEREST—

Day to day loans	1 3/8 per cent	= + 1/8
7 day market loans	1 3/4 per cent	= unchanged

Amount paid into the Bank of England about £125,000

SUGAR—
German granulated 1st marks 14 1 1/2 buyers, tone steady.

WHEAT—
Tone of wheat steady.

RAPESEED—
Brown 36 1/2 value, tone dull

LINSEED—
Linseed Bold 12 3/4 sellers, tone dull

COFFEE—
Coffee in New York, 7 3/4 — 1/8

ARRIVALS—
Steamers—Inkonka and Sydney

In Liverpool.—Cotton Market closed quiet. East Indian quiet. Manchester steady. Total sales 7,000 bales. Spot 4·61 — 4 Egyptian F. G. F. Brown 7 1-8 — 1-16. Sold on speculation and for Export 500 bales. Imports 26,000 bales. Futures closed quiet.

June-July	July-Aug.	Aug.-Sept.
4·41	4·41	4·43
Sep.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov.	Nov.-Dec
4·43	4·43	4·43
Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb.-Mar
4·41	4·45	4·46

Receipts at U S Ports	24,000 bales
Do last year	4,000 do
Exports to Great Britain	20,000 do
Do do Continent	18,000 do

IN NEW YORK—

Spot	8·40 unchgd
Futures, month of July	7·93 — 2 a
Do. do, December	8·11 — 2 b

a Declined owing to official weather report considered favorable.
b Declined owing to liquidation.

IN NEW ORLEANS—

Spot	8 3/13 — 1/16
Futures, month of Sept	8·02 + 4
Do. do. Dec	8·05 + 7
Tone at close	quiet

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay, for the 24 hours ending at 6 p. m., on Tuesday, 6th June 1905 :—

Cotton	14,342 bales.
Wheat	58,334 cwts.
Linseed	25,033 do
Rape, Rai and Mustard	3,646 do
Gingellyseed	197 do
Poppyseed	7,074 do
Groundnuts	855 do
Castorseed	2,304 do
Rice	77,274 do
Myrabolams	833 do
Cottonseed	33,302 do
Mowraseed	83 do
Gram	2,253 do
Joowar	19,954 do
Maize	nil

BOMBAY, JUNE 7.

EXCHANGE—Tone firm.

Bank T. T.			1s. 4d.
Bank Demand			1s. 4 1-32d.
Credit Bills	3 Months Sight	D.A.	1s. 4 5-32d.
	Do. 6 do.	do.	1s. 4 1-4d.
French Francs	3 do.	do.	169 3-4
Marcks	3 do.	do.	138 to 138 1-4
Hongkong	30 Days Sight		137
Shanghai	30 do.		192
Japan	30 do.		149

GOVERNMENT PAPER.—3 1/2 per cent. Tone quiet.

Cash	98'8
1st Settlement	98'8

Money Market. Tone steady.

BANK RATE—

Bank of England since	9th March	2 1-2 per cent.
Bank of Bombay	do. 14th April	5 do.
Bank of Bengal	do. 27th April	4 do.
Bank of Madras	do. 1st June	6 do.

SEEDS.

LINSEED—Tone easier.

	Rs.	a.	p.
Ready	7	8	0
Forward September	7	13	6

RAPESEED—Tone dull, nothing doing.

Brown Cawnpore, Ready	6	6	0
Yellow Cawnpore, Ready	7	1	0
Yellow Guzarat, Ready	7	2	0

POPPYSEED—Tone quieter.

Ready	7	15	0

CASTORSEED—Tone steady.

Ready	28	0	0

WHEAT.—Tone quiet.

White Delhi ready	4	11	6 per cwt.
Do. Do forward	4	11	0 do.
Jubbulpore Pessi	30	0	0 per candy

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

Tone—steady.
Estimated sales 8,000 bales
Imports nil.

June-July	July-Aug	Aug.-Sept.
4·46	4·46	4·45
+2	+2	+2
Sept.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov	Nov-Dec.
4·45	4·45	4·45
+2	+2	+2
Dec-Jan.	Jan-Feb.	Feb-March.
4·46	4·46	4·47
+2	+2	+2

COTTON.—The local market is quiet, and prices are unchanged. The demand continues limited both by exporters and mills. There is a small enquiry for Oomras descriptions for July delivery by shippers and mills are paying good price for extra-stapled cotton.

The "Sutta" market for New Crop is quiet, but steady, Good Broach being quoted Rs. 232 and F. G. Bengals Rs. 182. For New Crop we quote :—

Bengals M. G. fine Rs. 206 November R. D.
203 December R. D.
Kangaum, Akola, Karanja Rs. 208 January delivery.

Official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association, Limited :—

Bengal, H.-G. (Ry. terms)			174 164
Bengals, M. G. (Ry. terms)			183 173
Sind-Punjab (M.-G.)			182 172
Oomrawutte (descriptions)	M.-G.		190 183
Khandeish, (M.-G.)			180 174
Julgaum (M.-G.)			182 176
Khamgaum, fair staple	(M.-G.)	191	184
Karanja do.	(M.-G)		
Akola do.	(M.-G.)		
Oomra, good staple	(M.-G.)		195
Dhamongaum Poolgaum	(M.-G.)	195	189
Nagpur 15 ampteen	(M.-G.)	190	193
Broach	(M.-G.)	213	209
Bhownugger	(M.-G.)	198	191
Do	(H.-G.)	195	188
Dharwar	(S.-G.)		210
Westerns			192

(29th June.)

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, JUNE 6.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed	quiet
Burats	quiet
Good Bhowningger	4 3-32
The Manchester Market has been	
2 1/2 per cent Consols	90 9/16
3 per cent Rentes	99 3/4
3 1/2 per cent Sterling Loan	106
3 1/2 per cent Rupee Paper	85 3/4
Bar silver	26 13/16

The sum of about £125,000 has been paid into the Bank of England.

MESSRS. HADDON AND COMPANY'S CIRCULAR.

LONDON, MAY 19.

Annatto Seed.—There is no change to note. The small lots arriving sell readily, to-day's price being 7d per lb.

Beeswax.—A steady demand has existed throughout the week, sales being made of ordinary to good yellow wax at £5-15-0 to £3-5-0 per cwt. There are buyers also of Calcutta wax at £7-7 0 per cwt for common up to £7 12-0 for good white.

Cinchona Bark.—The periodical sales held comprised the small total of 1,271 packages, of which 897 bales were East Indian. There was a good demand and the bulk found buyers at barely last London sales, rates the average unit limit being 1 1-16d being equivalent to the last Dutch auction rate, 750 bales of East Indian sold—Crown renewed stem and branch at 2 3 8d to 4 7-8d, renewed 4d to 5 3-4d root 2 1-8d to 5 3-4d red original stem 2 1-2d to 3 1-4d root 2d to 3d. Ledgeriana stem at 3 7-8d to 6d branch 3 1-8d to 3 7-8d, quill 5 1-2d to 6 1-2d per lb.

Copra.—The market is steady. There are sellers of April shipment at £18-15-0, also buyers of May-June at £18-13-0 c.i.f.

Ginger.—In sales 552 packages of rough unassorted were offered and bought in also 43 bags of cuttings, and 76 cases of Native Cut.

Hemp.—The markets continues in the same dull state. In public sale this week 159 bales of Jubbulpore were offered and 10 sold at £12, also 169 bales of Bombay, 35 bales of Dewghuddy and 279 bales of Raighur were bought in. Bengal—Irregular, good quality being worth £19 and ordinary £18 per ton.

Sisal.—Of 232 bales of Indian, 178 sold at £10 to £23-15-0 per ton. Prices are easier all the way round.

Isinglass.—The next sales take place on the 23rd inst. We quote Bombay tongue new pickings to good pale 10d to 3-3, old dark to fair pale 1-1 to 2-6, Bladder ordinary to fair pale 1-6 to 3 2. Purse ordinary to good pale 8d to 1-8, Karachi leaf pickings to good pale 10d to 3-3 per lb.

Kapoc.—Market steady. We quote ordinary at, 3 1-2d, good ordinary at 3 3-4d to 4d, good at 4 1-4d, and superior at 5d to 6d.

Lemon grass oil.—Market steady. Good oil is worth 8 1-4d to 9d per ounce on the spot, and 8 1-4d to arrive.

Mace.—Slow. In sales 17 cases of Penang offered and bought in, at 1-4 to 1-5, 1 case of Ceylon sold at 1-2 for brownish, 7 cases of Java were bought in, at 1-5 to 1-6.

Nutmegs.—Market unchanged. 26 cases and 3 bags of Penang offered, 7 packages sold, 80s at 1-1 defective at 5d, 10 cases and 20 bags of Singapore offered and 20 bags sold without reserve, wormy at 2 1-2d, 110s were bought in at 9d, 1 case of Ceylon was bought in.

Pepper.—Market quiet. In sales this week 248 bags of Tellicherry were offered and sold at steady prices, good bold at 5 1-2d, and good heavy small at 5 3-8d to 5 1-2d, 17 bags of Ceylon offered and bought in at 5 1-2d.

White pepper.—Market unchanged. In sales 23 bags of good fair Singapore were offered and bought in.

Rubber.—This market has continued very firm, closing fine hard para at 5-8 1-2. Plantation-grown para fine pale biscuits sold on the last occasion at 6-7 per lb and washed Crepe up to 6-8 1-2.

Tea.—Indian Catalogues totalled 27,300 packages of which 1,100 were from S. Indian. There is little change to note, good to fine teas selling advantageously, but common grades, it has been necessary to sell at a decline. The best S. Indian averages are :—Vembenard 6 1-2d. Lockhart 6 1-4d, Pambanar 5 3 4d, Kotte Kanum 5 3-4d, Kanambyle 6d, Cherambadi 5 3-4d.

LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

Messrs Tata and Sons' Liverpool friends writing us on the 17th May, report on the state of the Cotton Market on their side as follows :—The market during the past week has been entirely dominated by the weather reports from America, which have been very bad, especially from the Gulf States. In the Texes, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and North Alabama, the rains have been almost torrential. There have also been storms in parts of Texas and Oklahoma, causing numerous small over-flows. Cotton planting has not yet everywhere been completed, and in places where it is not yet sown these rains simply mean a delay, but a delay which is added to day by day may at any moment become extremely serious. In many localities the cotton planted has been washed out by the rains and will have to be replanted. In other places the rains have produced a great deal of grass and weeds, which will have to be removed by hand labour. A friend cables us from the North of Texas that, in his district things are already 50 days behind, and up to yesterday morning only the news was very bad.

Later on, reports came in, however, that the rain had ceased here and there, and that the weather was clearing up. After the continued steadiness of the market, due, as stated entirely to the unfavourable crop news it is quite possible that, if the weather conditions improve, we may have some decline. Apart from the influence of the weather, it is noted that our market and New York are becoming bullish in sentiment, and when a market becomes bull, it usually means that the short interest has been more or less covered, and a long interest created. This is always an element of weakness. For some little while we have been moderately bullish in our views. We considered that so long as the delay in planting continued prices would advance, but if now there should be a distinct improvement in the weather, we might easily see some decline. We telegraphed our friends to this effect yesterday morning. The general situation of the article however, remains the same, and is not affected by these minor fluctuations. Be the price of cotton 5d or 4d, the position of the world's industry is such that it will not be affected by a penny advance or decline. Spinners have sold yarns and must buy the cotton, whatever the price. England and America in particular have made enormous, contracts and are only partly covered in cotton. According to our advices American Spinners specially have bought much less cotton than they have sold yarns. The political outlook has improved since last week and everything now seems bright. We should be strongly bullish at 4d for G-A, and it is to be hoped that the market will decline to this price; we fear, however, that the reaction will not go as far as that. But even over 4d our views incline strongly towards an advance, as we are confronted by the great delay in the new crop and we cannot see how this is to be remedied if weather conditions do not materially improve very shortly. At the same time we have to admit that, for the moment we do not see any prospect of a strong advance, for there is yet too much cotton in the interior and at 4-50 for G A we should be prepared to reconsider our opinion; in the meantime if this slight reaction of yesterday and to-day should continue it would be well to take advantage of same for purchases

GOLD AND SILVER.

Imports and Exports of Gold and Silver during the official year 1905-1906.

	Imports.	Gold. Exports.	Net Imports.
In the month of Apr. 1905—			
Weight in ounces	175,347	51,071	124 271
Value in rupees	1,07,92 847	29,15,9.9	78,46,908
	Imports.	Silver. Exports.	Net Imports.
In the month of Apr. 1905—			
Weight in ounces	5,163,491	524,742	4,937,749
Value in rupees	99,80,476	11,81,750	187,98,726
	Imports.	Total. Exports.	Net Imports.
Weight in ounces			
Value in rupees	2,07,73,323	41,29,689	1,66,43,634

Silver received and coined in the Mints during the official year 1905-1906.

COINS AND BULLION RECEIVED (ASSAY VALUE IN TOLAS RUPEE STANDARD).

	In the month of Apr. 1905. Calcutta. Rs.	Bombay. Rs.	Total. Rs.
1 Bullion received for coinage of Dollars			
2 Old rupees received from Government Treasuries and Departments	13,00,155	10,97,933	23,98,088
3 Native States coins received for re-coinage into British Rupees	18		18
4 Bullion Purchased for Government coinage	34,01,648	53,86,113	90,87,761
5 Bullion received for coinage of fifty cent pieces		2,02,454	2,02,454

COINED AND EXAMINED.

	In the month of Apr. 1905. Calcutta. Rs.	Bombay. Rs.	Total. Rs.
1 British dollars (Tale)			
Straits dollars (Tale)			
2 Rupees	30,07,020	28,39,010	58,36,030
3 Half Rupees and small silver coins (value in rupees)	4,10,037		4,10,037
4 Fifty cent pieces (Tale)		497,630	497,630

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m., yesterday, give the following results :—

Wards.	Plague Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade,	4	4	12
B Mandvi, Chukla, Oomerkhadi and Dongri	10	8	28
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao, and Kumbharwada	5	5	25
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpatti Walkeshwar, and Mahalaxmi	2	1	5
E Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Nagapada, Kamatipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagapada	7	4	23
F Parel, Sewree and Sion	2	2	11
G Mahim and Worli	5	4	20
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	2	4
Total	35	30	131
Total plague deaths to date	292,230		240,995
Same date last year	15	14	83

SMALL-POX.

Attack.	Death.
1	1

THE Countess of Warwick, while motoring through Epping recently, collided with a cyclist. Her ladyship stopped immediately, conveyed the injured man to a hotel, and sent for a doctor. She also paid for the damage done to the bicycle and the doctor's bill. The injuries to the cyclist were not serious.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE Charge for Announcements of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATH and MEMORIAM Notices (which must be authenticated by the name and address of the sender) is Rs. 2 for six lines or less, and 8 as. for every additional lines. CASH strictly in ADVANCE.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTH.

POOLE.—May 31, at Sangor, C P, the wife of Major W Croker Poole, R A M C, of a daughter.

DEATHS.

DAVIES.—May 23, at Marikuppam, suddenly, the dearly beloved wife of George Davies, Supervisor, Mysore Mine, aged 37 years, 7 months and 17 days.

O'GORMAN.—May 27, at Mussoorie, of Influenza, Mary the dearly beloved wife of Major C O'Gorman, Retired List.

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POLO.—There will be a game at 5-15 p.m. to-day.

MUSIC AT THE APOLLO BUNDER.—The Victoria String Band will perform the following selection of music at Messrs. W. B. Green's Apollo Bunder Restaurant, this evening, during dinner hours :—

March	Paris—Mezzacco
Overture	The Golden Lyre—Herman
Valse	L'Etoile Polaire—Waldenfel
Selection	The Duchess of Dantzic—Ivan Caryll
Cake Walk	Mumolin Moss—Thurbar
Valse	Fruits of Vienna—Caibulka
American Sketch	Down South—Myddleton
Galop	John Pell—Hunter

HOUSE-BREAKING AND THEFT.—Pranlal Lalcobhoy, a Hindu merchant, residing on the second storey of a house at Bhuleshwar has reported to the police that he locked up his room on the 22nd May and proceeded to Surat on the same day. On the 5th instant he received a telegram from Bombay in consequence of which he returned here the same evening. On going to his room he found the lock wrenched off the door, the place entered, and property consisting of gold and silver watches, gold and silver ornaments, pieces of wearing apparel and a number of other articles, collectively valued at Rs. 1,564, stolen from cupboards and boxes.

COCAINE PROSECUTION.—At the Mazagon Police Court yesterday Mr. P. H. Dastur, Second Presidency Magistrate, disposed of a case in which Inspector Patigara, of the Criminal Investigation Department, charged Beneprasad Moti, a native of Benares, with importing from that place forty-eight bottles of cocaine without a license. The evidence showed that in consequence of certain information received, Inspector Patigara kept a watch on the accused who owned a shop for selling parched gram at Mazagon. At two o'clock

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AUSTRALIAN PRIVATE WEALTH.

ONE of the most conclusive tests of the progress and prosperity of a country is the amount of its private wealth in proportion to the population, and the manner in which it is distributed. In these respects the Commonwealth compares favourably with many older lands. Although little more than a century has elapsed since the British flag was hoisted on Australian shores, the still youthful community is richer, both individually and collectively, than can be said of not a few more densely populated countries. The accumulation of private wealth has steadily progressed since the earliest days of settlement, until in 1903 it reached the amount of £931,979,000, in the form of land, houses, live-stock, furniture, household goods, personal effects, machinery and implements of trade, shipping, mining properties and plant, merchandize and produce on hand, coin and bullion, etc. This gives an average of £249 for each inhabitant, but the figures were higher a few years back. The actual total is believed to be considerably in excess of the amount quoted, which, from every point of view, is largely under-estimated. The distribution of the property among the different States was as follows:—New South Wales, £368,778,000; Victoria, £310,074,000; Queensland, £119,454,000; South Australia £36,320,000; Western Australia, £49,065,000; and Tasmania, £43,288,000; the highest average per head being £269 in Tasmania, New South Wales coming next with £258, and Western Australia bringing up the rear with £216. These figures do not, however, afford any indication as to the place of residence of the owners, residents in Great Britain and elsewhere having considerable investments in the States, while an inhabitant of one State may have properties in the others. In New South Wales it is estimated that twenty per cent. of the private property is owned by persons living outside its boundaries, ten and a half per cent. being held in Great Britain and six per cent. in Victoria. The commercial and industrial interests of the Mother Country are more intimately associated with those of the Commonwealth than are the similar interests of any other land. In connection with the distribution of private property, official figures show that it is not to be parallelled in any part of the world. As the New South Wales Government Statistician observes—"In a country where so much is said about the poor growing poorer, and the rich richer, it is pleasing to find that in the whole population one in six is the possessor of property, and that the rate of distribution has been increasing with fair regularity in every province of the group."

The number of privately owned estates is estimated at 578,000. In New South Wales, in 1903 the number of adults was 735,589, and of these 190,617 were possessors of property, and 544,972 were without property, the largest number of properties held being those ranging in value from £200 to £5,000. The value of the privately-owned unimproved land in the Commonwealth is estimated at £373,679,000, as follows:—New South Wales, £136,417,000; Victoria, £126,078,000; Queensland, £41,400,000; South Australia £35,957,000; Western Australia, £11,995,000; and Tasmania, £21,832,000. If the value of the improvements be included, the privately owned land represents a value of £683,944,000, showing the immensity of the pastoral, agricultural, and other interests with which the land has become associated. The proportion of women property holders is larger than in most countries. Taking the eight years, 1896 to 1903, of the 19,018 property owners dying in New South Wales during that period, no fewer than 5,091 were women, the value of the property devised by them being estimated at £4,994,300, the average value of each estate being £961. These figures show that in the Commonwealth, as in other countries, the industrious and thrifty worker, ready to make the most of his opportunities, generally succeeds in improving his position. In 1903-4 there were 1,072,869 depositors in the Australian savings banks, the total amount of their deposits being £34,180,055; the average number of depositors being twenty-seven per one hundred head of population, and the average amount of deposit £3 13s. 8d., the sum being highest in South Australia, and lowest in Tasmania. The average amount of deposits may be larger in other countries, but those in Australia are in addition to heavy investments in land, house property, industrial associations, friendly societies, and the like. Practically, the Australian savings bank deposits may be regarded as the surplus capital of the industrial classes in the Commonwealth.

THE TRADE OF KHORASAN.

THE British Consul General in his report on the trade of Khorasan for the Persian year 1321, corresponding to the period March 21st, 1903, to March 20th, 1904, which has just been published, remarks that no merchant, whether British subject or otherwise, is anxious to be more communicative about his business than he can possibly help, since he knows well that information given to the Consul-General may very probably be published, and thereby competitors be drawn into the field against him in lines of business which he finds lucrative. The only countries, whose trade with Khorasans is of any importance, are Russia, the United Kingdom and Afghanistan. No reliable returns of the trade of Khorasan with Russia and Afghanistan were obtainable, except those compiled by the Customs Department. British trade during the year amounted to £181,322. The figures are those collected from merchants who have fixed trading establishments and keep regular books. There are besides a large number of wandering camel-owners and others, who bring goods on their own account from India. The chief British imports, during the year, were cotton and wool tissues, silk tissues, cotton yarn and twist, indigo, and tea. The exports included opium, almonds, turquoises, and horses. The Quetta-Seistan route is used for purely Indian products, and at present by Indian traders only. The distance is 1,050 miles and the time taken about 105 days from Quetta to Meshed. All along the route from Quetta to the Persian border, rest-houses and serais, with lodging for man and beast, have been built, wells sunk, and arrangements made for supplies at each stage. Throughout the route, which is protected by levies, police posts exist up to the Persian border, and post and telegraph offices have been opened at intervals along the route. The extension of the railway from Quetta to Nushki has been completed and is now open for traffic. This not only shortens and cheapens the route, but removes the necessity of camels having to traverse a difficult piece of road devoid of grazing. Commenting on the openings for British trade, the Consul-General thinks that there is undoubtedly a good opening in Khorasan for the exportation of wool, via Russia, for the English and American markets; the principal drawback being the system of having to make advances to the wool producers, and the risk thereby entailed of their defaulting. The new tariff introduced in February 1903 has had an adverse effect on British trade. For instance, to take the case of indigo and tea, two of the chief British imports, under the old tariff of 5 per cent "ad valorem," the duty on a Persian "batman" (about six and a half lbs.) of white or green tea costing about 30 krans, would have been one and a half krans. Under the new tariff the duty on the same quantity of tea would be 10 krans. The old duty at 5 per cent "ad valorem" on a batman of indigo of the value of 25 krans would have been one and a quarter krans. It is now 10 krans. Another great difficulty is the system of long credit, it being necessary to sell goods at credits of not less than three, and sometimes extending to even thirty months' credit. It is, however, generally possible to insist that the bills shall be discounted in six months. A trade appears to be springing up in the skin of a fox brought from India, apparently the Indian hill fox. The skins are used for lining coats, and are in great demand in Bokhara, Samarkand, and all over Russian Central Asia.

SAGHALIEN.

WITH regard to Saghalien and the Japanese desire to recover it the "Moskovskia Viedomosti" of the 10th of May has the following:—"Japan has long been credited with the intention of occupying Saghalien. The taking of this island doubtless appears to them a very desirable conquest, for there is in Tokio a very important party called 'The restoration of Saghalien to Japan' the members of which enter on a very violent campaign to induce the Government to seize on the island with the least possible delay. The "Nichi-Nichi-Shimbun" was the first to raise this question last year and it was to be brought before Parliament. Certainly this island, with its fisheries and mineral wealth would be a valuable acquisition for Japan. And the "Assahi" says on the subject: "This island, deserted and forgotten for half a century, has belonged to us since its discovery, and our people are eager to reconquer it; its area is more than that of the islands Siko-ku and Kiou-Siou together; its soil is fertile in spite of its harsh climate; our whole history tends to show that Saghalien should belong to us. We were convinced on many occasions that our nation regretted the error the Government committed in abandoning it, but the moment has come in which to repair that fault. Saghalien should be restored to us during this war, even before the negotiations for peace are entered upon; we should have occupied it at the outset of the war. The small number of troops guarding it, would permit of our seizing it without any difficulty; this conquest would have the effect of reanimating the courage of our army and our fleet." Such is the appeal which the "Assahi" makes to the Japanese people, but the other Nippon organs do not altogether share its views and declare that it exaggerates somewhat the facility with which Japan could take Saghalien. Russia neither can nor will restore it to her, for in losing Saghalien, she would lose all her influence in the Pacific Ocean.

THE STRUGGLE FOR THE TRANSVAAL'S TRADE.

THE Struggle of the South African ports for the Transvaal's trade seems about to enter upon a new phase, it being expected that the Portugese Government will take the opportunity presented by the recasting of the Customs Union tariff to seek the admission of Mozambique into the Union. At present, Mozambique has its own tariff, and a peculiarly complicated set of Customs regulations. Transit goods for the Transvaal and Orange River Colony go through Lourenço Marques in bond, of course but while the local tariff is generally lower than that of the Customs Union, the expense of Customs work is such that the port cannot compete with the rival Natal and Cape ports in sales from open stocks. The Delagoa Bay commercial community are naturally favourable to an amalgamation which would so materially improve their position with regard to the up-country trade. Delagoa Bay is already a formidable competitor with the Cape and Natal ports, and its share of the Transvaal trade is steadily growing. Thus, in 1901, it handled 5·3 per cent of the Transvaal's imports, in 1902 9·8 per cent., in 1903 16 per cent., while the figures for last year show that its percentage has again increased to 20 per cent. Delagoa Bay's gain is Durban's and, to a less extent, the Cape ports' loss, and the extent of the loss will be realised when it is recollected that the Transvaal's imports in 1903 were valued at nearly £22,000,000, and last year, notwithstanding the keen depression, at £13,627,000. That Delagoa Bay is not content with its present position is due to the fact that its trade at present consists almost entirely of direct transhipments, the profitable "sorting up" business being practically monopolised by the Cape ports and Durban. The local tariff and Customs regulations are at the bottom of most of the port's disabilities, and the advantages it would derive from joining the union are obvious. There are, however, strong grounds for supposing that the inclusion of Mozambique into the Customs' Union will, in all probability, be strenuously opposed by Natal and the Cape, one of the strongest perhaps being that the trade of both Lourenço Marques and Beira would develop rapidly from the moment of Mozambique's entry.

THE VILLAGE PUMP.

THE proposal to remove the village pump and replace it by a drinking fountain could only have caused more consternation than this matter of the Queen's Road overbridges. It is true that the B. B. and C. I. Railway Company will cease to exist on 31st. December next, and that unless they build the bridges before that date Government will have to build them. But Government will be the possessors of the Railway and of its funds, and it really does not matter who builds the bridges so long as they are built. It is also true that the Bombay Corporation is to discuss the matter at its next meeting. It might have discussed it long ago, for it must be remembered that it has had the subject in hand for between eighteen months and two years. If, however, we are to be left without efficient means of crossing the line for any further period and to have the continuance of the highly dangerous level crossings, the fault will lie with the Government rather than with the local Corporation, though it might have urged Government to insist upon having its own at any time for many years past.

THE Railway Bridge at Paphamau will, we learn, be opened to traffic on the 15th instant.

DR. OMORI, the Japanese Seismologist, has left Simla for the Kangra Valley. He will return about three weeks hence.

REPORTS from Dir show that a peaceful settlement has been actually concluded, between the Nawab and his brother.

MAJOR A. M. CAULFIELD, who was engaged as one of the official starters by the Calcutta Turf Club last cold weather, has recently been granted a license by the Jockey Club to act as a starter at Home.

THE rise of the Indus this month promises to be very high. The river is now coming down in strong flood owing to the melting of the exceptionally heavy snows in the Western Himalaya region during the past winter.

THE hailstorms which damaged the crops in Jellelabad district about the middle of May extended also south of the Sajed Kot into Kurram Valley. Fresh snow fell upon the higher peaks of that range so late as the 1st May.

AS MR. HAMMICK is unable to return to Simla owing to the serious illness of Mrs. Hammick at Ootacamund, Mr. Harold Stuart, Director of the Central Criminal Intelligence Department, has been appointed to officiate as Secretary to the Government of India in the Home Department during the absence of Mr. Risley on leave.

IT is stated that Mr. Stuart, Director of Criminal Intelligence, officiates as Home Secretary to the Government of India in addition to his own duties until the return of Mr. Risley from leave, Mr. Hammick having reverted to Madras, Mr. McCracken remains on as Deputy Director of Criminal Intelligence at Simla.

THE "Times of Ceylon" says that each day sees an almost unprecedented increase in the number of South Indian coolies who are pouring into Ceylon planting districts. "According to the Customs returns for April, over 22,000 estate coolies were imported and over 7,000 returned to their homes. During May this huge number was probably exceeded. The remarkable figures are accounted for by the distress in Southern India, which drives the Tamils to the more congenial surroundings of Ceylon.

THE Chinese in Singapore believe that a quantity of poisoned contraband flour, intended for Japan, has found its way to Singapore, and that much sickness and not a few deaths have been the result. The belief is wide-spread, and vendors of cakes, and such luxuries, are idle, and the bakers are likely to become bankrupt, as the Chinese, as well as others, are living upon any substitutes for bread. The "Strait Times" says there is not the remotest ground for this insane scare, that there has been no abnormal sickness, nor has the local mortality increased. There has been a similar scare in Penang.

The Bombay Baroda and Central India Railway is to be taken over by Government at the end of the year, in accordance with the Secretary of State's contract made in 1859. It is to be hoped the business will be carried through upon this occasion without friction or gratuitous irritation. The average price of the capital stock for the past three years has been ascertained to be £154 15s. 5d. per £100 stock. It is upon this average price that the capital value of the undertaking will be calculated. That is to say, the capital being £7,550,300, the purchase price will be £11,685,675. The payment will in all probability be made, as in the former cases, in the form of an annuity, and an important factor in determining the amount of the annuity, is the rate of interest to be used in calculating it. That is arrived at by a reference to the Governor of the Bank of England, who is instructed to ascertain the average rate of interest received in London during the past two years, upon obligation, of the Secretary of State for India. The obligations upon which the return was calculated for the purpose of ascertaining the rate of interest for the Great Indian Peninsula annuity were (a) India 3½ per cent stock, (b) India 3 per cent stock, (c) India 2½ per cent stock, (d) India debentures, and (e) India bills. In the case of the Great Indian Peninsula, the average yield on this series of securities worked out at £2 17s per cent. Prices were then considerably higher, however, than they have been in the last two years, and the higher yield will be all in favour of the Bombay, Baroda and Central India proprietors.

THE famous Carnavalet Museum, of Paris, has just received a notable acquisition—the keys of the Bastille, and a pair of manacles, which will have a mournful interest for Englishmen. After the destruction of the fortress-prison, the keys were presented as a memento to Sauterre, brewer, soldier, and revolutionary leader, in whose family they have remained to this day. His great granddaughter, Mdme. Villain, has now presented them to the museum, together with the manacles, to which this inscription is attached, in the writing of Sauterre:—"Manacles which were on the wrists of an old man, exhibited in the streets." This old man, was an Englishman, named Whyte, who, like many another poor prisoner, had become insane in. Bastille the

DOWN A "CHINESE" GOLD MINE.

As far as the eye can see stretch great billows of crisp grass land, innocent of fence or hedge, almost treeless. But the veld to-day is not the free, houseless waste crossed by the Boer trekkers not so many years ago. Now it is part of the Land of Corrugated Zinc which offends the æsthetic eye from Durban to Damaraland.

Along it, dotted in a straight line, are industrial eyesores, evidences of modern man; so much alike that the newcomer cannot distinguish one from another. The main features never vary—white heap of tailings, iron chimney, mine head-gear, lime-washed compound, big pond, inevitable zinc. Over the swelling rise peep other smoke-vomiting stacks; and if you climb the ridge you will see the line of industrial oases stretching away into the great blue which marks the Golden City. Not altogether an attractive picture, even when lighted up by the clear sunshine of a South African March morning. But not uninteresting. These eyesores, disfiguring the veld from Springs in the east to Randfontein in the west, says L. E. N. in the "Pall Mall," are the outward visible signs of the Witwatersrand Goldfields. They mark, like Gargantuan mile-stones, the Reef, at once the blessing and the——

That, said the Mining Editor, pointing ahead—Mining Editors are not given to moralising—is the Princess Mine. It is not a show mine. Ladies in garden party dresses could go down the Robinson Deep. But this—

He ceased and dodged an engine drawing a string of Lilliputian trucks laden with ore, which had come from nowhere and was heading for the open veld.

But he was right, I discovered it later.

Now, the Princess mine is a Chinese mine. That is to say, it is worked exclusively by the bloodthirsty, treacherous, immoral, white-labour-destroying, etc., coolies from Northern China, of whom the world hears so much.

Don't take my word for anything, the Mining Editor had remarked. I have only lived on the Reef for a few years and been down every mine on the line, bar two; so, of course, I don't know anything about it like the sapient writers on the—He lapsed into quiet sarcasm.

The start was not encouraging. Though accompanied by the manager and the mine captain, we also had an escort of three Chinese police armed with short whips with knotted lashes.

Encased in well-worn mine over-alls we started the walk down the mine shaft. If you are not accustomed to mines this is a harder task than the mere words convey. Half ladder, half staircase—damp, pitch dark, swept by a cold outrushing draught, now and then a broken rung which nearly pitches you headlong into the blackness. The candles carried by the guides soon glimmer far ahead, a rush of air extinguishes your own and you toil on in the dark. Then a distant rumbling noise, rapidly growing louder and louder, the sound as of an express train approaching a wayside station. Instinctively you let go the handrail and wait. On the track at your side a great iron skip tears past, carrying ore to the surface.

But now the feeble glimmer far ahead is stationary. Soon you are standing on a platform with the guides. The black incline still descends, but branching away from it you find yourself in a narrow tunnel with a tram-lined floor.

Number Six level, comes the voice of the manager. You stumble on.

Heads. The cry echoes back indistinctly from the gloom, but you duck down as the roof suddenly lowers, and bending almost double, hurry on in the rear.

Another halt. You are standing upright in the passage now, looking through a hole in the rocky side, three feet from the ground. The scene through the crevice is a remarkable one. For a moment it seems to be an impressionist painting of a forest at night, dimly outlined by the light of the fireflies, a huge black cloud pressing down upon the tops of the stunted trees. But it is only a stope—a sort of work-room with a roof thirty-two inches from the floor. The trees of your forest are the supporting timbers, the cloud overhead is of solid rock, the fireflies are the candles of the miners.

You climb up into the place and crawl painfully over damp gravel. Here is a gang of Chinese miners drilling the holes which will be fired later in the day. They lie on their back or side, patiently hammering long steel rods into the hard rock. Stripped to the waist, the muscles stand out on the bare brown skin, sturdy, well-fed looking men, some smoking pipes or cigarettes. But all is silent save for the fall of the hammers. Kaffirs working underground sing at their task. But the Chinese are grim and silent, intent upon making as much money as they can. Ah Sin does not change his ways even in a Transvaal gold mine. A little while ago it was found that some of the coolies were obtaining wonderfully good results. Even skilled Kaffirs were beaten. The management was delighted. But when someone thought it well to test the drilling it was found that the wily Chinese had cut four inches off one end of the measuring rod!

Slithering down stopes so steep that you have to brace your feet against the timbers to prevent sliding ignominously to the bottom, stumbling along roads inches deep in water, crawling into disused workings, lying flat on your face and wriggling through tiny apertures, down from one level to another till the bottom of the mine is reached, then on along the flat, past machine drills which produce the dreaded miner's phthisis; "past a coolie" gassed; with the fumes—A show mine? Rather! I incline to the opinion that it is the hardest and roughest on the Reef. And everywhere the toiling Chinese; in the low-roofed stopes, pushing trams of ore, helping at the machine drills, some working with shovels, others with hammers. There are nine hundred silent, somewhat sullen, men. You feel you would not care to be left alone in the mine with them, though you would not be afraid of a few thousand cheery Kaffirs. The Kaffir is a child. He respects his "boss," and takes up his task like a philosopher—and no doubt tries to get away from it as soon as he can. But the Chinaman—well, he is a Chinaman. One minute he will be working well. The next he may be in a fit of ungovernable rage, intent upon murder.

But it is time to go back to the surface. At the bottom of another shaft is an empty skip, a sort of iron coffin with sides two feet high. It has been carrying wet ore all the morning, and is not inviting. But you must lie flat in the bottom or you will have half your head cut off as you rush upwards under the low iron bridges. It is high noon when you blink in the sunshine again, wet to the skin, indescribably dirty, covered with candle grease. The romance of gold is not underground.

Then to the compound, where the cooks are busy at a huge caldron; and the men's quarters, lighted by electricity, are models of cleanliness and comfort.

And the verdict? Well, I know something of the British workman's home in the East-end of London; I have seen how the Arab coolers live and work at Aden; I have spent hours amongst the chawls of an Indian city, and watched the ryots in the fields; I have inspected the Indian indentured labourers on the sugar estates of Natal. And I say that the Chinese miner on the Rand mines is better off than all these. True, his work is hard; but it is not so hard as that of many a white seamstress in free England. Admitted that the conditions of his task are unpleasant and dangerous; but it has been pronounced white man's work.

Whether in the end the Chinaman will drive out the white miner is a matter upon which I will offer no opinion. But from the Chinaman's point of view there is nothing to complain of. He is well fed, well housed, well cared for. The cry of slavery is the veriest nonsense. And if this is slavery there are thousands of white men who would be only too glad to be as well treated.

THE continued employment out of Russia of so many railway wagons required for the needs of the army in Eastern Asia has caused a very perceptible scarcity of rolling-stock on the home lines, especially on the Warsaw-Vienna railway. To handle the traffic, the management of that line, has leased 200 covered goods wagons from foreign railways and the Ministry of Communications has allowed them to enter the country duty-free. This department of the ministry intends to order 9,000 new wagons for the Russian railways and these will be for the most part constructed in Russian factories.

PEACE NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE.

MOSCOW ZEMSTVO MEETING.

NATION TO BE ARBITER OF PEACE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, JUNE 6.

President Roosevelt is having constant conferences with the Russian, British and German Ambassadors and the Japanese Minister, it is believed on the subject of peace.

LONDON, JUNE 7.

Despite the prohibition of General Trepoff, the Moscow Zemstvoists sat the whole day, yesterday, and the Speakers were unanimous that the Nation itself must decide the question of peace and reorganize the State.

THE RESIGNATION OF M. DELCASSE.

Differences in the Cabinet.

LONDON, JUNE 6.

Differences between M. Delcasse and M. Rouvier have continued since the former's first resignation on 21st April.

M. Rouvier and other Ministers consider that M. Delcasse ought to have propitiated Germany before sending M. Taillandier to Fez.

LONDON, JUNE 7.

Reuter from Paris says that M. Rouvier will conduct Foreign Affairs till the pending questions are settled. The change will not affect the entente with Great Britain.

M. Rouvier will also uphold the Russian alliance, but probably insist upon Russia guaranteeing that in future she will not take action jeopardizing its utility and showing herself more amenable to her Ally's advice.

CONSPIRING TO OBTAIN A PASSPORT.

Accused Committed for Trial.

LONDON, JUNE 7.

Messrs. Brailsford and McCulloch were again brought up at Bow Street, yesterday, on a charge of conspiring to obtain a passport to Russia and were committed to stand their trial, bail being accepted.

MARRIAGE OF THE GERMAN CROWN PRINCE.

Imposing Ceremony.

LONDON, JUNE 6.

The Crown Prince of Germany was married to the Grand Duchess Cecilia with great promp at Berlin to-day. The weather was brilliant.

MR. GULLY'S RESIGNATION.

Tributes to the Speaker.

In the House of Commons, to-night, Mr. Gully, formally resigned the Speakership.

Mr. Balfour and Sir J. Campbell-Bannerman made speeches highly eulogising his services.

THE RISING IN ARABIA.

Reuter wires from Hodeida that the rebels have captured Kataba and Ibb and are now investing Taiz.

THE SECESSION OF NORWAY.

Separate King asked for.

LONDON, JUNE 7.

The Norwegian Parliament has unanimously passed a Resolution severing connection with Sweden, declaring the King has ceased to be King of Norway and conferring on the present Ministry the powers of Government appertaining to the King.

An address to King Oscar further declares there is no ill-will towards him or Sweden, and asks his Majesty to co-operate in securing the selection of a young Prince of his House as King of Norway.

THE SUEZ CANAL.

A meeting of the Suez Canal Company has approved a reduction of rates.

A PARLIAMENTARY VACANCY.

Death of Mr Webb.

The death is announced of Mr. Webb, the member for Kingswinford division of Staffordshire.

CALCUTTA CORPORATION.

OPENING OF REPORTER'S' GALLERY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JUNE 7.

The Honb'le Mr. R. T. Greer, Chairman Calcutta Corporation, who is leaving for England on three months' sick-leave to-morrow, opened the Reporters' Gallery near the Municipal Council Chamber to-day. There was a large attendance of Commissioners and visitors, and several complimentary speeches were made. The Press denounce the Reporters' Gallery which is quite unsuited for this purpose as it obscures the view of the Chairman and many Commissioners, most of whom cannot be heard.

BISHOP COTTON SCHOOL.

TEMPORARY QUARTERS SELECTED.

RE-ERECTION PLANS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, JUNE 7.

Arrangements have now been made for the Bishop Cotton School to be transferred to a group of houses beyond Kasumpti Bazar in Chota Simla. These houses include the residences known as Jammu Castle, Pahari Mahal and Windsor Terrace, and will afford suitable accommodation for the boys during the coming monsoon. The move takes place on the 15th instant.

Plans are meanwhile being prepared for the re-erection upon larger and more modern lines of the school buildings which were burnt down. Some changes will be necessitated in the original Trust Deed and School Statutes to enable the Punjab Government to provide the funds, but there is not likely to be any difficulty about this, in view of the great importance of the institution to the entire domiciled Anglo-Indian community in this country, and the desirability of providing really up-to-date premises for it.

BENGAL'S COMPLAINT.

SCARCITY OF ROLLING STOCK.

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce have addressed the Railway Board on the subject of the inadequate supply of wagons for traffic carried by the East Indian Railway and, in connection therewith, suggest the desirability of an early commencement being made with the construction of the proposed Bishanpore Calcutta-Chord Railway, which alternative route to Calcutta will probably prove of great assistance in expediting the passage of coal trains and the return of empty wagons to collieries.

PORTUGUESE INDIA.

PORT AND TONNAGE DUES.

The translation of a lengthy Royal Decree, dated the 23rd January last, relating to port and tonnage dues in Portuguese India, is to-day issued here. It provides for a levy of dues ranging from one anna to six annas per ton upon vessels entering ports of Portuguese India, including Mormugoa. Numerous exemptions are made including war vessels, vessels belonging to recognised Sporting Societies, and vessels entering or leaving in ballast, while to the two Companies which maintain a regular service between Portuguese India and ports of Europe, touching at ports in Portugal, an annual bonus is allowed of not less than sixty-five per cent. of tonnage dues.

THE STATE BALL AT SIMLA.

It is now settled that the State ball at Viceregal Lodge, Simla, will take place on the 13th instant.

BERESFORD POLO TOURNAMENT.

SECOND DAY.

SIMLA, JUNE 6.

Last night's rain slightly improved the ground, which, however, was still a trifle dusty.

The teams were:—Buccaneers:—Mr. Wood, Mr. Hunt, Mr. Atkinson and Captain Williams.

Viceroy's Staff:—Major Poynter, Mr. Akers-Douglas, Mr. Lambert and Captain Ross.

Umpires:—General Clements and Colonel Turner.

The Buccaneers were greatly superior to their opponents and showed excellent combination and won easily by five goals, one subsidiary, to Viceroy's Staff one goal.

POONA AND KIRKEE FOX-HOUNDS.

POONA, JUNE 7.

It has been arranged to have the Kirkee monsoon meeting on the 24th instant.

A draft of twenty-four couples for Poona and Kirkee foxhounds have arrived this week in Bombay by s. s. Arabia and Colonel Sheringham, Master of hounds, hopes to commence operations early in July, if the weather is favourable.

THE SUIT BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

APPEAL FILED IN BOMBAY.

An appeal has been lodged and will be heard on the 13th instant at the Bombay High Court against the judgment of Mr. Lucas, late Sessions Judge of Poona, who decided, a couple of months ago, that no cause of action arose in the suit of the Secretary of State for India against the late Mr. Hari Raoji, Sir Dinshaw M. Petit and others, in regard to the rightful ownership of the Bungalow No. 1 Queens Gardens.

ATTEMPT TO MURDER A BOY.

On Saturday last a daring attempt to murder a Hindu boy was made in the city by a Purdesi, giving the boy sweetmeats mixed with a poisonous drug. The boy felt giddy and lost consciousness when the Purdesi took his ornaments and then threw the boy in to a well. Fortunately the well did not contain sufficient water to drown the boy. The Purdesi sold one of the ornaments to a Marwari and escaped to Bombay where he was arrested and brought back to Poona. He was placed before the Magistrate when the police obtained a remand to make further enquiries.

THE HEALTH OF ADEN.

MESSRS. Cowasjee Dinshaw and Bros. received yesterday from the Aden Firm, the following telegram:—"Clean Bill of Health is now issued to all steamers since to-day."

THE protagonist of the campaign against the guns continues his onslaught on the Admiralty in other directions. Lieutenant Carlyon Bellairs has decided that the manœuvres are not to be carried out, first because it was impossible that they should and secondly, because the Admiralty mean to expend the money which would have been spent in coal on new guns to replace those "which have been found to be valueless." As a matter of fact the plan of manœuvres was all most carefully worked out and everything was in readiness. The elimination of the older ships from the first line could have made no difference, seeing that the determination to eliminate them was already taken when the manœuvres were planned. The cruisers which were to represent the skeleton enemy were detailed for the purpose; the British force was, of course, the fleets in commission. It is difficult to understand how a man who aspires to a seat in Parliament can permit himself to talk rubbish of this kind for the sake of discrediting a department charged with the most vital part of the country's defence.

NOTES FROM PARIS.

France, Germany, and the Vatican.

KING ALFONSO'S VISIT.

PARIS AND FREE MEALS.

PARIS, MAY 19.

THE passing of the bill for the separation of Church and State during the existence of the present Parliament becomes more and more improbable every day, as the interminable discussion on sub-section 4 drags out its weary length. At the present rate of progress the bill cannot be voted in time for it to be sent to the Senate before the commencement of the vacation in July, and, when the Chambers meet again in October, they will be fully occupied in dealing with the Budget for 1906, which must be voted before the dissolution in March next. The balance of public opinion is in favour of the measure, and deputies who owe their seats to Separatist votes dare not risk them by open opposition to the bill. But, there is a curious unwillingness on the part of many members of Parliament to be responsible for its passing into law, and progress is delayed as much by professed supporters as by avowed opponents. Now, too, the intimate relations which are evidently being established between Germany and the Vatican have given pause to many, and people are asking themselves, whether Germany is not already preparing to take the place of the eldest child of the Church, which France would vacate by tearing up the Concordat. It becomes necessary to answer the question—Will French influence suffer in consequence? As a reply is not easy to find, the result will probably be that Church and State will not be separated during the existence of the present Parliament.

During the recent discussion in the Chamber on M. Herve's now celebrated declaration of "War against war," M. Jaures remained silent, though everyone was on the tiptoe of expectation to hear the Socialist leader's opinion on his colleague's profession of faith. In an article in his newspaper, the 'Humanite," does M. Jaures answer the public demand. He has evidently required to sleep on the matter. The result of his deliberation is a declaration to the effect that it is part of the Socialist creed that every man is free to hold, express, and act up to his own opinions, and that that being so, although he does not agree with M. Herve on the particular subject in question, he does not feel called upon to emphasise the fact in any extraordinary manner, or to disassociate himself from M. Herve in the work of carrying on the work of the propagation of the main Socialist doctrines.

The Duke Decazes, the owner of the Quand Meme, whose adventures in the Algiers-Toulon race have recently caused so much excitement, comes of a line of statesmen who have helped to make French history. Both his father and grandfather were great Ministers of State, the former during the Presidency of Marshal MacMahon and the latter under Louis XVIII. It is a sign of the times that the present holder of the title finds no place in the service of his country; the old ruling class to which he belongs has been so entirely displaced that nowadays it is a bar to a political career to be a member of it. The duke's great hobby of late years has been yachting. He is vice-president of the French Yacht Club, and has raced at Cowes and Monte Carlo. He married Miss Singer, the daughter of a well-known citizen of the United States. His wife's death, after a few short years of wedded happiness, was a great grief to the duke, who found some consolation in the bringing up of his three charming children.

The "Humanite," referring to the article published in the "Pall Mall Gazette," admits that the title of Admiral Sans-Gene, applied to Rozhdestvensky, is fully justified. "For over a month past," say M. Jaures' organ, "the Russian commander has given proof of the most utter disdain of French interests and responsibilities. The thought that he might create difficulties for us has always been the least of his cares; indeed, it may be said that he has systematically endeavoured to involve us in international complication of the most unpleasant description."

The official programme arranged for the visit of the King of Spain to France has now been published. It includes a journey to the great military camp of Chalons on June 1 to witness the manœuvres of an army corps; a review of the Paris garrison on June 3 at Vincennes; attendance at Auteuil on June 4 to see the race for the Grand Prix d'Auteuil; and, on June 5, a review of the Northern Squadron at Cherbourg, after which King Alphonso will embark for England on the Victoria and Albert. Gala performances will take place on May 31 and June 2 respectively at the Opera and the Theatre Francais. "Samson and Delila" and the ballet from "La Maladetta" are down for performance at the Opera, whilst at the Francais "Le Jeu de l'Amour et du Hasard," "L'Etincelle," by Pailleron, and "Les Romanesques," by Rostand, will be given.

The official programme of the visit of the British doctors to Paris terminated by a banquet at the Grand Hotel, attended by most of the leading physicians and surgeons of the French capital. Professor Bouchard presided, and, at the close of his speech of welcome, invested Sir William Broadbent, in the name of the President of the French Republic, with the insignia of a Commander of the Legion of Honour. The scene after the ceremony, when the two eminent professional men spontaneously embraced each other was very striking, the great assembly rising with one accord and cheering enthusiastically.

The much-talked-of tenor, Caruso, made his debut at the Theatre Sarah Bernhardt, in the performance by the Italian Opera Company of Giordano's "Fedora." His fine voice was heard to advantage, and the reception accorded to him was flattering. Probably, however, the public were more interested in and greeted with greater warmth a lady, whose first appearance in Paris was made in a music-hall turn on the boards of the Folies Bergere. Perseverance and Jean de Reszke have done much to develop the natural gift possessed by Mlle. Lena Cavalieri, and her delightful singing of Fedora's music won deserved applause. Madame Sarah Bernhardt has made Victorien Sardou's play so familiar that a description of its plot would be superfluous; suffice it to say that the musical setting of M. Giordano is good, and at times excellent. Only at the close of the third act is there a jarring note, an unnecessary volume of sound, which obscures, rather than attains the effect aimed at. The second act is the best; the music illustrating in delightful fashion the various waves of passion on which the heroine is tossed: rage, desire for vengeance, incredulity, pity, love, as the story of her lover's death, his baseness, and his enemy's just revenge is unfolded to her. "Siberia" had already earned for M. Giordano a great reputation here, and last night's large audience had come prepared to appreciate. It cannot be said that they were disappointed, though "Fedora" is not so good as "Siberia."

In spite of the fact that the outlook in Morocco is better, and that a crisis has been avoided in the relations of this country with Japan, M. Delcasse's position in the Ministry remains precarious. For obvious reasons, every effort will be made to induce him to remain in office long enough to permit of, at least, the partial obliteration of the memory of recent events, and, in view of the approaching visit of the King of Spain. M. Delcasse is disposed to allow those considerations to weigh with him; but, for all that, the public must be prepared to receive at any time the news of his resignation. The reason why M. Delcasse has not been able to regain his former influence is not far to seek, it lies in the attitude of the Socialist party on questions of foreign policy. When speaking of the Socialist party, do not include the noisy, but numerically insignificant group of irreconcilable revolutionaries, whose creed is internationalism. The device of the Socialist party proper is "defence, not defiance." The obligation of all citizens to serve in the army for the defence of the fatherland is admitted, but only for defence, not to further ambitious schemes of aggrandisement or revenge. Any policy which the party considers as being likely to involve the country in such adventures will be opposed tooth and nail. Rightly or wrongly, the policy which favours the Russian Alliance and declares for the absorption of Morocco is regarded as containing these objectionable elements, hence the continued attacks on M. Delcasse, as being its responsible author. Probably the Socialists have greater misgivings with regard to the Russian Treaty than with respect to the outcome of the Moroccan adventure. The recent semi-crisis has opened their eyes to a vista of dangerous possibilities, including not only a quarrel with Japan, but a rupture with a new-found and valued friend, Great Britain, all liable, to arise out of an engagement which has forced the French Government, if not to break the laws of neutrality, to at least show suspicious friendliness towards a belligerent Power.

Persons who talk wildly of feeding every child in the public elementary schools out of the rates or from some vague "national fund" may be interested in learning how matters of the kind are dealt with in the Paris schools. The majority of Paris school children remain at school for their midday meal, which is served in the central hall. Those who can bring it with them, when, if necessary, it is cooked for them free; some pay 1d., or 1½d., for a meal, others have it supplied free. The "Caisse des ecoles" in Paris provides not only free meals when necessary, but boots and shoes, clothes, and country holidays. "Free maintenance out of the rates!" is the comment which naturally suggests itself to the inquirer. This is not altogether the case. The "Caisse des ecoles"—of which the "cantines" is only a branch dealing with the feeding of the children—is an elaborate organization. The funds for the "cantines" are supplied by the "City of Paris." The system is practically one of outdoor relief given direct to the children. In each arrondissement—which corresponds in some degree to the Metropolitan Borough—there is a committee, consisting of the Mayor (ex officio chairman), the councillors, and twenty-four members, men or women, elected from among those inhabitants of the arrondissement, who subscribe not less than six francs (5s.) to the funds of the caisse. Each member of the committee undertakes to visit a particular school at least once a month, to supervise the cantine, and see that the food is good and sufficient and properly cooked. These members of the committee have some of the duties of managers, and they also do a good deal of attendance officers' work. They keep in touch with many, if not all of the homes from which the children come, and are able to judge whether the parents really cannot or only will not pay for the irchildren's food.

The meals are cooked on the premises by the school keeper, who is paid in proportion to the number of children, catered for, the rate being 25 francs a month for fifty children, and 5 francs for every extra ten. A good many of the children pay a penny or a halfpenny for their meal, and this money is collected by the teachers, when the children come in the morning. No difference in serving is made between those who pay and those who do not. The teachers know the circumstances of most of the homes, and say that there is a desire on the part of parents to pay when they can. If a man is in work and still accepts free meals for his children, a friendly call from the teacher and a remonstrance to the effect that he may be depriving really necessitous children of meals, often has the effect of making him "pay up." If, however, he still refuses, though in work, to pay for his children's food, they are never theless fed hunger being the only condition attached to the receipt of meals. The percentage of parents, who will not pay when they can is small. If an average of the whole of Paris is taken—the rich with the poor—the proportion of those who pay is one in three. Taking the whole of Paris, and allowing for expenses of cooking, fuel, etc, the cost per meal is a fraction over a penny. Sometimes a slight reduction in cost is made by cooking at a "centre" (some suitably situated school) to which the children from neighbouring schools come for meals. Every arrondissement has now a lady inspector who visits the schools at intervals. She inspects the food sent in, keeps the tradespeople up to the mark and in consultation with the teacher arranges the menu for the week. It is, of course, obvious that the work depends largely on the co-operation of the teachers, which is most heartily given. In fact it is difficult to see how it could be carried out without their help. A typical menu is:—Monday.—Neck of mutton and currant loaf. Tuesday.—Bread soup and stewed beef. Wednesday.—Sausages and rice. Friday.—Neck of mutton and potatoes. Saturday.—Macaroni and sausage. Thursday there is no school. The cost of meals on this basis, including fuel and cooking expenses, is about £8 15s. per month for 100 children. There would be a slight increase in cost if butcher's meat were provided every day. Some of the children bring food with them or they bring a contribution in the shape of fruit or bread. Any food brought is cooked for them free of cost. No question of any kind are asked as to the religion of the children or of their parents.

INSOLVENT DEBTORS' COURT.

THE Hon. Mr. Justice Batty presided yesterday at a sitting of the Insolvent Debtors' Court.

RE RUSTAMJI JAMSETJI MISTRI.

Mr. Ardeshir Kapadia, for the insolvent, applied for and obtained an interim order.

RE KARMALI JUMABHOY.

Mr. Mankar, for the insolvent, applied for an interim order.

His Lordship granted the application.

RE IBRAHIM SULEMAN AND CO.

Mr. Dorab N. Bahadurji, on behalf of petitioning creditors, applied for certain amendments in the wording of the order of adjudication made by his lordship and for costs.

His lordship granted the application.

In the same matter Mr. Mankar appeared on behalf of four of the insolvents and applied for a rule nisi calling upon the Official Assignee and the petitioning creditors to show cause why the order of adjudication should not be revoked.

His lordship granted the rule and made it returnable this day six weeks.

RE MUSSABHOY ABDULALI AND OTHERS.

Mr. Strangman for an opposing creditor opposed the application of the insolvents for an interim order.

Mr Mankar for the insolvents, applied that the matter should be allowed to stand over for a fortnight on the ground that the insolvents had no time to reply to the affidavits made by the opposing creditor.

His lordship allowed the matter to stand over for a fortnight.

RE MARGARET ROCHE.

On the application of Mr. Ardeshir Kapadia the insolvent was given leave to serve notices and amend the schedule.

RE MAHOMED EBRAHIM MAHOMED HASSAN.

Mr. Mankar, for the insolvent, applied for and obtained an interim order.

RE MAHOMED MULLA ABDULALI.

Mr. Ardeshir Kapadia for the insolvent, applied for leave to serve notices and amend the schedule.

His lordship granted the application.

RE RAMCHANDRA BABURAO.

Mr. Mankar, for the insolvent, applied for and obtained leave to serve notices and one month's extension of the interim order.

RE PREMJI DEWCHAND AND OTHERS.

On the application of Mr. Manker the insolvents were given two months' protection.

RE KALIDAS NATHU SHA.

On the application of Mr. Bhan iarkar, the insolvent was given an extension of the interim order.

DISCHARGES.

The following insolvents received their discharges: Pandurung Narayen; Purshotam Beohar Sha; Samson Reuben; Kashinath Sunwar Morey; Gopaldas Chimandas Thakoor; A. Stuart Jones; Fakirsah Alisah; Framji Merwanji Fitter; Ramrao Bhagwantrao; Sadashiv Sakharam; Cursetji Cowasji Billimoria; J. A. Collins and Govind Vasudev.

"THE MARINA."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR.—I am delighted to learn from the worthy columns of your morning contemporary that the bridges which are to be erected on our "Marina", the promise of which has so elated the Bombay public during the last few days, are to be completed before the end of the year. Further that they are to be built by the B. B. and C. I. Railway, whose taste has been proved so "chic" in the past, and not by the P. W. D.

Under the circumstances, I do not propose to tender for the job or, indeed, make any suggestions as to the plans, as I am quite sure the Company's own designs will be adequate and that they, who have done more than any other public body to give Bombay its reputation for fine architecture and artistic craftsmanship, will not fall short of their previous record in what will be, I suppose, their last public act in this city.

Now, we can chant the "Nunc Dimittis," indeed. I cannot, however, leave the subject without thanking the Sirkar for its thoughtfulness in arranging that the cost should fall on the Company (among whose shareholders I do not count myself) rather than on the already overburdened incometax-payer.

In fact, Sir, the only saddening thought connected with the whole scheme is that the writer in your contemporary is not satisfied.

Indeed, I am not sure that he isn't rather annoyed at the whole thing which must be very awful for him this hot weather. I've been wondering what we can do for him. Siegel's Soothing Syrup is good I know, but perhaps you can suggest something better, Sir.

He complains at the same time of the approaching bridges and of the old level crossings now to be abolished.

To those few people who do not carry patience cards or pocket flasks habitually, the latter may sometimes have been rather vexatious.

Still these delays, as I've pointed out before, give one opportunities for studying the entrancing beauty of the scene, the ever varying—but I will not trouble you, Sir, with further rhapsodies on poetic beauties which are, doubtless, obvious to you and your readers. Think, however, of the opportunities for the study and contemplation of humour!

Perhaps, however, this last consolation is denied him. You can't put two pints into a pint jug. No, Sir, it would strain the jug and even then I don't believe you could do it. Neither can you see humour without the proper machinery.

Nevertheless, I would like to assure him through your columns that he has my distinguished consideration,

VIGOROUS DAUNT.

FOOTBALL IN BOMBAY.

THE HARWOOD LEAGUE.

YORKSHIRE REGIMENT vs. GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPH.

THE fourth match in connection with the Harwood League competitions was played last evening on the Cooperage between the Yorkshire Regiment from Colaba and the Government Telegraph eleven, when there was another large gathering, the Military element, of course, predominating. The Telegraph played last week against the Parel Gymkhana and finished in a tie with one goal a side. Yesterday the Telegraph were completely outmatched, as was the case when the Rovers met the Parel Gymkhana on the previous day, when the latter team had a heavy defeat. It was even worse this time, as in the first half the Military notched no less than five goals to love, and added three more in the second. For Military, Darwin, the inside right, played a true game and accounted more or less for the success of the Colaba combination. The Civilians, on the other hand, made a game defence, but were completely outclassed and the match ended in a victory for the Yorkshire Regiment by eight goals to love.

The game commenced in favour of the Military, who, with their combined efforts, managed to work the ball well into the Telegraph half, but finally the sphere went wide. Another invasion resulted in Smith, the Colaba outside left, annexing the first goal of the evening. This was within a minute of the start. The Military continued on the aggressive and almost immediately nearly scored another goal. The Civilians then pulled themselves together and made a smart rush up the Military ground, only, however, to obtain a corner. This however remained unconverted and the Military once more put their opponents' backs on their mettle, but the ball again went wide, this being due to a little misjudgment. A minute later, however, Smith, from outside left, again scored. With the Military leading by two goals to love within only seven minutes of play, the prospects looked rather gloomy for the Civilians. Continuing on the offensive, yet another skirmish was witnessed in front of the Telegraph posts, when the right wing of the Telegraph sent the ball into touch to save. The Military immediately after obtained a corner, which however, remained unconverted. Give and take play followed for the next five minutes, after which the Military forward line again rushed away with the ball, but it ran over the boundary line before getting too dangerous. "Off side" against a Military forward transferred the venue of hostilities, but only for a few moments, and the Military were once again well on the attack Sweeney, at inside left, was not long in notching the third goal for the Military. With this deplorable state of affairs for the Civil team, there seemed hardly a chance of their regaining their lost ground, as the Military continued pressing and within another minute Darwin, the Military inside right, shot in the fourth goal for his side, the same player, within the following two minutes accounting for the fifth goal. The half time whistle was soon after piped with the Yorkshires leading by five goals to love.

The resumption found the Military again having it all their own way and, within a few seconds, Darwin annexed yet another Goal for his side, and soon after obtained two corners in rapid succession both of which, however, remained unconverted. The soldiers still continued on the attack with the result of Wynne, the centre forward, adding the seventh goal. Ten minutes before the close of time, Eastfoot, the Military outside right, was slightly injured and an interruption was caused, but this was only for a few seconds, and the player, was up again and on the attack. Just before the close of time the eighth goal was added and the match ended in favour of the Military as follows:—

Yorkshire Regiment	8 Goals
Government Telegraph	Nil

This afternoon the game will be between the Royal Artillery from Colaba and the Y. M. C. A.

THE MOTOR-CAR ACCIDENT CASE.

YESTERDAY, at the Esplanade Police Court, before Mr. J. Sanders-Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, was again called on for hearing the case in which Superintendent Grennan prosecuted L. Soncin for driving a motor-car rashly and negligently on the Wodehouse Road and thereby causing injuries to one Miss Carvalho. Mr. S. B. Kapadia, pleader, defended the accused.

Superintendent Grennan informed the Court that though Miss Carvalho had come out of the hospital a week ago, yet she could not come to the Court yesterday, as she was laid up with fever. Sub-Inspector Forde had informed him that the young lady's father had been arranging with the people at the Taj Mahal Hotel to compromise the case. Mr. Grennan contended that no such compromise could be brought about, as the young lady was not the complainant in the case. It was a police case, in which they (the police) were the complainants who were prosecuting the accused.

Mr. Kapadia said that so far as the question of accident went, his client was not responsible for it, but as a gentleman he thought it his duty to see to the young lady's comfort as long as she was in the hospital. He said he would be the first man to oppose any suggestion for a compromise in such police cases, but his client thought it proper to see that the injured lady was properly compensated for the injuries she sustained but whether through her own fault or not was the only point to be decided by the Court. He added that in that unfortunate accident, the fault lay more with the lady than with anybody else.

The Magistrate adjourned the hearing till Friday next, remarking that he would dispose of the case that day, even though the lady was not present.

MUNICIPAL STANDING COMMITTEE.

THE weekly meeting of the Standing Committee of the Bombay Corporation was held yesterday afternoon in the Municipal Council Hall, Dr. K. E. Dadachanji presiding. There were also present Mr. H. G. Gell, Mr. Jafferbhoy Bahimtoola, Sir Bhalchandra Krishna, Mr. Fazulbhoy Currimbhoy Ibrahim, Mr. Joseph Baptista, Dr. N. N. Katrak, Dr. A. G. Vieyra, Mr. W. D. Sheppard, Commissioner and Mr. R. P. Masani, Acting Secretary.

VACCINE STATION AT KALBADEVI.

The Municipal Commissioner forwarded a copy of letter from the Sanitary Commissioner for the Government of Bombay, applying for an additional grant of Rs. 1,000 to meet the cost of retaining as an ordinary vaccine station a part of the former Central Depot at Kalbadevi Road. The Municipal Commissioner stated that after consulting with the Health Officer, he was of opinion that there was a real need of a vaccine station at the place. He therefore requested the sanction of the Standing Committee and the Corporation to an additional grant of Rs. 1,000 from Surplus Cash Balance to meet the charges.

The Sanitary Commissioner in his letter stated that on the Executive Engineer, Presidency, intimating to him that the Vaccine Depot at Parel was ready for occupation, the Central Depot at Kalbadevi and the office of the Superintendent of Vaccination, Presidency Circle, were removed to the new quarters; but part of the Kalbadevi Depot was, however, still retained as an ordinary vaccine station and would be kept open daily as heretofore. This station, the Sanitary Commissioner added, had been well-known to the general public for over twenty years and daily resorted to by persons between the hours of 2 and 5 p.m. who were unable to attend the morning stations. In consequence of the above named changes, it would be necessary to incur expenditure including Rs. 300 for a telephone connection between the Parel and Kalbadevi Depot, to enable work to be satisfactorily carried out.

Some of the members, while not objecting to the retention of a part of the Central Vaccine Depot at Kalbadevi, considered the expenditure to be excessive. They did not think it necessary to have a telephone connection between the Parel and Kalbadevi Depots.

Further consideration of the subject was postponed.

CONDITION OF WELLS.

In accordance with a notice of motion Dr. N. N. Katrak moved:—"That the Commissioner be requested to inform the Standing Committee as to the condition of the water of some of the wells in the city that have been covered over and to inform the Standing Committee what the opinion of the Health Officer is as to the efficacy of this measure."

The motion was agreed to.

WEEKLY RETURNS OF FIRES.

Mr. Joseph Bapista moved:—"That the Commissioner be requested to furnish in future weekly returns of fires, a column or columns giving in each case the estimated amount of the damage done to immoveable property and the valuation of such property."

The resolution was adopted.

The Committee after transacting some other business, adjourned.

MESSRS. TREACHER AND CO., LD.

THE forty-first annual ordinary general meeting of the shareholders of this Company was held yesterday, at 4-30 p.m. in the Fort premises of the Company, Mr. W. F. Hamilton presiding.

The following report of the directors for the year ending 31st March last, was submitted to the meeting for its consideration:—

"The Board of Directors beg to present a statement of the accounts of the Company for the year ending 31st March 1905, duly audited. The volume of business done has been considerably in excess of that of the previous year, but prices have been considerably lower, and notwithstanding the increased turn-over, the profits are slightly less. There is, however, every prospect of the Company regaining its position in public favor, and your directors look forward to the future with every confidence. It will be observed that the staff salaries have been increased. This has unfortunately been unavoidable, as the staff was found to be inadequate to deal with the Company's increasing business. Care has, however, now been taken to keep the expense down as much as possible. The other expenses will be found to have been generally reduced. The stock has been very carefully taken, and is reported to be in excellent condition by the General Manager. The balance available for distribution amounts to Rs. 64 013-12-5 which it is proposed to apportion as follows:—Dividend of Rs. 30 per share, Rs. 60 000; carry forward Rs. 4,013. Your directors have to deplore the loss of Mr. E. R. Smetham, who was invited to join the Board on the retirement of Mr. Crawford and who, during the time he served as a director, rendered very valuable assistance to the Company. The vacancy caused by Mr. Smetham's death has not yet been filled up, but this will be done at a very early date."

The Chairman in moving the adoption of the report said that owing to competition there had been smaller sales. An analyses of the stock account showed that the percentage of gross purchases to gross sales so far was considerably in excess of the last year. Decreasing prices involved a larger outlay of capital to make the same returns, and it had been necessary to keep a larger over draft in London, the expense of which had also tended to reduce profits. The directors had been endeavouring to formulate some plan, whereby the business might be concentrated in the Fort, as Byculla was now a rapidly declining neighbourhood. This matter would involve the sale of the Company's property at Byculla and the rental and purchase of new premises in the Fort. The institution of annual sales had proved to be of greatest value in keeping the stock clean of damaged goods and obsolete or unsaleable patterns. Speaking on the item of expenses, the Chairman observed that salaries had unfortunately increased, but were still much less than they were formerly. The extra charges under that head had been necessary in dealing with more business and in order to give greater care to the maintenance of the stocks in good order. The only other item which called for remark was the Trades and Licence Account which showed an advance, but as that was chiefly due to an increased assessment, it could not be helped. The business of the Company, though not yielding the profit which could be desired, was in sound condition and showed signs of healthy progress. Profits must of necessity be less than formerly, but their policy was to extend the business by keeping down prices and meeting all competition, and they had every hope of being successful. In concluding his remarks the chairman said that it was a pleasure to have had to record their appreciation of the good work of the assistants in all grades throughout the year. (Applause).

Mr. G. F. Horbury seconded the motion, and the report and the audited balance-sheet were adopted.

A dividend of Rs. 30 per share was declared and Mr. G. F. Horbury's appointment as a director was confirmed and he was re-elected. Messrs. A. F. Ferguson & Co., and Messrs. Cornforth and Misiri were appointed auditors on a remuneration of Rs. 500 each.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman, the directors and Mr. W. Knowles the General Manager, concluded the business before the meeting.

ALLEGED MURDER AT MAHIM.

AT the Mahim station of the B. B. & C. I. Railway, on Tuesday afternoon, a Mahomedan named Mahomed Joomabhai, aged about forty-five, cruelly attacked his wife Mariam, aged thirty-five, with a large clasp knife, inflicting several deep cuts on her body, which resulted in her death yesterday morning. The assailant was arrested by the Railway Police and the injured woman was conveyed to the J. J. Hospital. The police inquiries showed that the woman Mariam was the wife of Mahomed by "nika" and the couple lived together near Mahim Durga. Recently the husband came to know that his wife had given her love to one Mahomed Moosa and often taxed her on the subject. On the afternoon of the day in question, Mariam accompanied by her paramour, Mahomed Moosa, came to the Mahim station and having purchased tickets for Grant Road for herself and Mahomed Moosa, both of them proceeded to the up-platform of the station. Here the woman sat down under the foot overbridge, while her friend took his seat on a bench. Shortly afterwards the husband appeared on the scene caught hold of the woman by her throat, threw her down on her back and taking out a clasp knife which he had carried under his clothes, stabbed her on the face, head, back, abdomen, &c. Mahomed Moosa went to her rescue, when the enraged husband turned upon him and would have stabbed him, had not a policeman on duty at the station ran up and secured the assailant. The woman was brought down to Bombay, and conveyed to the J.J. Hospital, where she died at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. The husband seemed to have known the movements of his wife and had come to the station armed with the weapon. The accused was, yesterday, charged before Mr. J. W. S. Dracup at the Managon Police Court by Inspector Kaikobad N. Mody of the Railway Police, with the wilful murder of the woman Mariam. The case was adjourned pending the Coroner's Inquest.

"ENCORE, MES AMIS."

Captain Swettenham and the visitors at the Rugby Hotel, Matheran, have eclipsed their performance of May 20th. We all voted that concert good: but its virtues were nothing in comparison to the second which took place on the evening of last Saturday June 3rd. To begin with the former mighty-constructed stage had yielded place to a solid fabric of stout boards worthy of Queen's Hall, for the acquisition of which our worthy assistant Collector had paid special visits to the 'Lakriwallas' of Neral. Mr. Bezonji had again spread his carpets, hung his flags, and arranged his floral decorations; while to crown all, there hung above the proscenium a fine portrait of his Majesty the King-Emperor and his Queen, which the Proprietor and Editor of 'Matheran Footings" had kindly sent as his contribution—and a worthy one too—to the performance. Again the company of performers knew one another better than they did the week before, and, taking time by the forelock, had commenced learning their words and music and practising together for a full six days before, the date fixed; so that the whole concert swung gaily forward without a single hitch, and all went merry as a marriage bell. Thirdly, the audience was far more responsive, and had evidently come prepared to enjoy themselves. We believe they really enjoyed themselves on the previous Saturday night; but they seemed a trifle doubtful about committing themselves to outspoken applause and to have imbibed somewhat too largely that spirit of quietude which is said to brood upon Matheran. Nature however has her revenges; and the many "encores" which were demanded on June 3rd fully recompensed the hardworking stagemanager and his troupe for the somewhat fastidious welcome of the previous week. Amongst the audience we noticed the Resident of Baroda, the Surgeon-General with the Government of Bombay, the Collector of Bombay, and under-secretary to Government, and last but not least, our worthy Superintendent himself—and we believe we do not err in saying that they and the rest found the performance quite as interesting and amusing as those which are provided at this season of the year in the more pretentious station of Mahableshwar.

All the performers with the exception of Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. Childe and Mrs. Audain, who acted as accompanists in the first and second halves of the programme respectively, and Mr. S. M. Edwardes, were very becomingly arrayed as Pierrots and Pierrettes in white costumes dotted with black pom-poms, the sole exception to this colour-scheme being Mr. Ferguson whose costume was of bright scarlet relieved by patches of white showing presumably that though his wickedness might be colossal, he at any rate owned a few saving virtues. The first item on the programme was an opening chorus by the Pierrot band the words of which were composed for the occasion by Mrs. Ferguson and are given below:—

I	II
We're the authors of the Band	We are quite the biggest Boom
That is always in Demand	In the Hotel Dining-Room,
At a Wedding or Soiree,	When we start our Merry Lay
We are beautifully dressed	For we frolic sing and dance
By a *Dersi* of the best	Hoping you it will entrance
In the good old Indian way.	In our very smartest way,
We have men of every *jat*	We are bent on having fun
Pretty girls to charm the heart	Making every body come
And at least one Highland man	Just to pass the time away,
But about the only kind	And we'll do our level best
That you really cannot find	Now to make it a success
Is one who's tired of Matheran,	And we hope you'll shout *Hooray!*

CHORUS.

We're the Merry Pierrot Band
When our Voices are conjoint
They are heard at Artist Point
Other lots sound grand
In a large Town Hall
But the Rugby Coons
Are the noisiest of all.

Hardly had the clapping at the close of the chorus died down when Mrs. Ferguson stepped forward and sang with all her best grace "The miller's daughter" from the 'The Three little Maids." The voice and music carried our minds back to the Novelty Theatre in Bombay and conjured up the pleasantest of reminiscences. She was followed by Captain Stiffe who sang 'She's not quite the sort of girl I care about" and in response to a well deserved encore returned and sang the last verse again. It was here that we had occasion to remark Mrs. Childe's dexterity as an accompanist: for the gallant Captain in order the better to emphasise his words, sang at one moment fast and at another slow, and only the most skilful of accompanists could have kept in line with him. At the close of the last verse Captain Stiffe treated us to an excellent little bit of dumb show which showed that he had what we may term almost a married man's acquaintance with the foibles of the fair sex. The fourth item was the plaintive plantation song, "Ma Lady Lu" sung by Miss MacLaren as only she could sing it; and Miss Shuttleworth followed her with 'She'd a dainty darling dimple on her chin," which the audience evidently enjoyed—for they bade her return and sing it again with the addition of the graceful dance at the end. The final item of the first half of the programme was an Octette. You pat me, which also earned a wellmerited encore for the whole troupe.

After an interval of ten minutes for refreshments, Mr. S. M. Edwardes opened the second half with The Yeoman's wedding, and in response to a call from the back rows sang Honey O, as an encore. To him succeeded Miss MacLaren who gave us "Under the Bamboo Tree" in most charming fashion: and we realised fully the meaning of that well-known saanzi of Omar which begins 'Here with a little bread beneath the bough etc.' Mrs. Pratt then contributed an excellent skirt-dance, which vociferous applause obliged her to repeat; and the only matter for regret is that it was so short. We could have welcomed a far longer example of the Terpsichorean art. In response to a pressing invitation from Mrs. Ferguson, Mr. Edwardes again strolled on to the stage and sang "Tell her I love her so" to a well modulated accompaniment played by Mrs. Audain—and then followed one of the hits of the evening namely Molly the Manchioness sung by Mrs. Ferguson. It was a first class piece of character-singing and fully deserved the encore it gained. The final item also recalled, was an Octette Suppose we have a breakdown ending with a rollicking dance by the whole company, the last to leave the stage being Captain Stiffe who executed a series of such intricate steps that one feared for a moment he might be suffering from an attack of St. Vitus. Not so however for the gallant Captain's lower members, though seemingly out of all control, eventually bore him safely across the stage, out of the wings and into the proximity of the refreshment-table.

The National Anthem was the signal for the evacuation of the Hall and for the appearance of the Matheran hillband, which as on the previous occasion struck up a lively waltz-tune: and within five minutes performers and audience were gyrating in time with its measured melody. By the mercy of Providence, and the stage manager we broke up a trifle earlier than on the previous Saturday, a fact which by no means detracted from the enjoyment of the evening. "Eh! mon" we can hear the canny Scott saying, "but it was jes' grand!' and we only hope that the indefatigable Captain Swettenham has realised an appreciable sum for the Nursing Sisters of Aden in whose aid, and for whose benefit he engineered the performance. To him, to the performers and to the audience we say 'Au revoir," trusting that another year may see us all again in Matheran.—"Matheran Jottings."

NEW York manufacturers are always finding out things and the "Boss Cloth Glove" is a variety of the working man's glove which seems to have caught on with farmers, lumber men, miners, carpenters and all artisans who work with their hands in all weathers. Canton flannel and canvas of a soft and pliable but strong nature, that cannot be injured by water or heat, are the materials from which these primitively shaped, but lasting gloves are made. Three years ago, the Boss Company had but one factory, they now have five fully equipped establishments in full work, turning out 600,000 pairs of gloves and mittens weekly. If they keep this up, it means 312,000,000 pairs in the year. The United States and Canada wear them and they are spreading to Europe wherever a cheap and comfortable glove that protects the working man and woman's hands is a necessity. Five or ten pairs of these gloves can be had for the price of a cheap still leather pair and are said to last much longer.

THE COMIC USES OF MATRIMONY.

SOME IDLE THOUGHTS OF JEROME K. JEROME.

MARRIAGES are made in heaven—"but solely," it has been added by a cynical writer, "for export." There is nothing more remarkable in human sociology than our attitude towards the institution of marriage; so it came home to me the other evening as I sat on a cane chair in the ill-lighted schoolroom of a small country town. The occasion was a penny reading. We had listened to the usual overture from Zampa, played by the lady professor and the eldest daughter of the brewer; to "Phil Blood's Leap," recited by the curate; to the violin solo by the pretty widow, about whom gossip is whispered; one hopes it is not true. Then a pale-faced gentleman with a drooping black moustache walked on the platform. It was the local tenor. He sang us us a song of love. Misunderstandings had arisen; bitter words, regretted as soon as uttered had pierced the all too sensitive spirit. Parting had followed. The broken-hearted one had died believing his affection unrequited. But the angels had since told him; he knew she loved him now—the accent on the now. I glanced around me. We were the usual crowd of mixed humanity,—tinkers, tailors, soldiers, sailors, with our cousins and our sisters and our wives. So

MANY OF OUR EYES WERE WET WITH TEARS.

Miss Butcher could hardly express her sobs. Young Mr. Tinker, his face hidden behind his programme pretended to be blowing his nose. Mrs. Apothecary's large bosom heaved with heartfelt sighs. The retired Colonel sniffed audibly. Sadness rested on our souls. It might have been so different, but for those foolish, hasty words. There need have been no funeral. Instead, the church might have been decked with bridal flowers. How sweet she would have looked beneath her orange wreath! How proudly, gladly he might have responded "I will"—take her for his wedded wife to have and to hold from this day forward.

All the stories sung by the sweet singers of all time were echoing in our ears—stories of true love that would not run smoothly until the last chapter; of gallant lovers strong and brave against fate; of tender sweethearts waiting, trusting, till love's golden crown was won; so they married and lived happy ever after. Then stepped briskly on the platform a stout, baldheaded man. We greeted him with enthusiasm; it was the local low comedian. The piano tinkled saucily. The self-confident man winked and opened wide his mouth. It

WAS A FUNNY SONG.

How we roared with laughter! The last line of each verse was the same: "And that's what it's like when you're married." Before it was 'duckie' and 'darling' and 'dear.' Now it's Take your cold feet away, brute, Can't you hear?" "Once they walked hand in hand; as loves lokie oo. Now he strides on ahead" (imitation with aid of umbrella, much appreciated; the baldheaded man in his enthusiasm and owing to the smallness of the platform sweeping the lady accompanist off her stool) "bawling, 'Come along, do.'" The baldheaded man interspersed side splitting patter. The husband comes home late, the wife is waiting for him at the top of the stairs with a broom. He kisses the servant girl. She retaliates by discovering a cousin in the Guards. The comic man retired to an enthusiastic demand for an encore. I looked around me at the laughing faces. Miss Butcher had been compelled to stuff her handkerchief into her mouth. Mr. Tinker was wiping his eyes: he was not ashamed this time, they were tears of merriment. Mrs. Apothecary's motherly bosom was shaking like jelly.

THE COLONEL WAS GRINNING FROM EAR TO EAR

Later on, as I noticed in the programme, the school-mistress, an unmarried lady, was down to sing Darby and Joan. She has a sympathetic voice. Her Darby and Joan is always popular. The comic man would so again appear in the second part and would oblige with (by request) His Mother-in-law. So the quaint comedy continues; to-night we will enjoy Romeo and Juliet. For to-morrow we have seats booked for The Pink Domino. Won't the pretty lady let the poor old gypsy tell her fortune? Blushes giggles, protestations—gallant gentleman friend insists. A dark man is in love with pretty lady. Gypsy sees a marriage not so very far ahead. Pretty lady says, What nonsense!" but looks serious. Pretty lady's pretty friends must, of course, be teasing. Gallant gentleman friend by curious coincidence happens to be dark. Gypsy grins and passes on. Is that all the gypsy knows of pretty lady's future? The rheumy, cunning eyes. They were bonny and black many years ago when the parchment skin was smooth and fair. They have seen so many a passing show, do they see in pretty's lady's hand nothing further?

WHAT WOULD THE WICKED OLD EYES FORESEE

did it pay them to speak? Pretty lady crying tears into a pillo. Pretty lady growing ugly, spite and anger spoiling pretty features. Dark young man no longer loving. Dark young man hurling bitter words at pretty lady—hurling may be things more heavy. Dark young man and pretty lady listening approvingly to comic singer, having both discovered "That's what it's like when you're married."

My friend H. G. Wells wrote a book, "The Island of Dr. Moreau." I read it in manuscript one winter evening in a lonely country house upon the hills, wind screaming to wind id the dark without. The story has haunted me ever since. I hear the winds shrill laughter. The doctor had taken the beasts of the forest, apes, tigers, strange creatures from the deep had fashioned them with hideous cruelty into the shapes of men, had given them souls, had taught to them the Law. In all things else they were human; but their original instincts, their creator's skill had failed to eliminate All

THEIR LIVES WERE ONE LONG TORTURE.

The law said We are men and women this we shall do, this we shall not do.' But the ape and tiger still cried aloud within them. Civilizations lays her laws upon us, they are the laws of gods—of the men that one day perhaps shall come. But the primeval creature of the cave still cries within us. The wonder is that not being gods, being mere men and women marriage works out as well as it does. We take two creatures with the instincts of the ape still stirring within them; two creatures fashioned on the law of selfishness; two self-centered creatures of opposite appetite of desires opposed to one another, of differing moods and fancies; two creatures not yet taught the lesson of self-control, of self-renunciation, and bind them together for life in a union so close that one cannot snore of nights without disturbing the other's rest; that one cannot, without risk to happiness, have a single taste unshared by the other, that neither, without danger of up setting the whole applecart, so to speak, can have an opinion with which the other does not heartily agree. Could to angels exist together on such terms without ever quarrelling? I doubt it.

TO MAKE MARRIAGE THE IDEAL

we love to picture in romance the elimination of human nature is the first essential. Supreme unselfishness, perfect patience, changeless, amiability we should have to start with and continue with until the end. I do not believe in the 'Darby and John" of the song. They belong to songland. To accept them I need a piano, a sympathetic contralto voice, a firelight effect, and that sentimental mood in myself the foundation of which is a good dinner well digested. But there are Darbys and Joans of real flesh and blood to be met with—God bless them and send more for our example—wholesome living man and women, brave struggling souls with common sense. Ah yes! they have quarrelled; had their dark hours of bitterness of hate, when he wished to heaven he had never met her and told her so. How could he have guessed those sweet lips could utter such cruel words those tender eyes he loved to kiss flash with scorn and anger. And she had known what lay behind! Those days when he knelt before her swore that his only dream was to save her from all pain.

PASSION LIES DEAD;

it is a flame that burns out quickly. The most beautiful face in the world grows indifferent to us, when we have sat opposite it every morning at breakfast, every evening at supper for a brief year or two. Passion is the soul. Love grows from a tender sapling beautiful to look upon but wondrous frail, easily broken, easily trampled on during those first years of wedded life. Only by much nursing by long caring for watered with tears, shall it grow into a sturdy tree, defiant of the winds 'neath which Darby and Joan shall sit sheltered in old age. They had common sense, brave hearts. Darby had expected too much, Darby had not made allowance for human nature which he ought to have done seeing how much he had of it himself, Joan knows he did not mean it. Joan has a nasty temper; she admits it. Joan will try, Darby will try. They kiss again with tears. It is a workaday world; Darby and Joan will take it as it will do their best. A little kindness a little clasping of the hands before night comes. Youth deems it heresy but

SOMETIMES WONDER IF OUR ENGLISH SPEAKING-WAY IS QUITE THE BEST.

I discussed the subject once with an old French lady. The English reader forms his idea of French life from the French novel; it leads to mistaken notions. There are French, Darbys, French Joans, many thousands of them. Believe me, said my old French friend, your English way is wrong; our way is not perfect but it is the better, I am sure. You live it entirely to the young people. What do they know of life, of themselves even? He falls in love with a pretty face. She—he danced too well? he was so agreeable that day of the picnic! If marriage were only for a month or so—could be ended without harm when the passion was burnt out. Ah, yes! them perhaps you would be right. I loved at eighteen madly—nearly broke my heart. I meet him occasionally now. My dear—her hair was silvery white and I was only thirty five, she always called me my dear. It is pleasant as thirty-five to be talked to as a child—he was a perfect brute, handsome he had been, yes, but all that was changed. He was as stupid as an ox. I never see

HIS POOR FRIGHTENED LOOKING WIFE

without shuddering thinking of what I had escaped. They told me all that, but I looked only at his face and did not believe them. They forced me into marriage with the kindest man that ever lived. I did not love him then, but I loved him for thirty years; was it not better? But, my dear friend, I answered, that poor frightened looking wife of your first love! her marriage also was, I take it, the result of parental choosing. The love marriage I admit, as often as not turns out sadly. The children choose ill, Parents also choose ill. I fear there is no sure receipt for the happy marriage. You are arguing from bad examples, answered my silver-haired friend. It is the system that I am defending. A young girl is no judge of character. She is easily deceived—she is wishful to be deceived. As I have said she does not even know herself. She imagines the mood of the moment will remain with her. Only those who have watched over her with loving insight from her infancy know her real temperament.

THE YOUNG MAN IS BLINDED BY HIS PASSION.

Nature knows nothing of marriage, of companionship. She has only one aim. That accomplished, she is indifferent to the future of those she has joined together. I would have parents think only of their children's happiness, giving wordly considerations their true value, but nothing beyond, choosing for their children with loving care with sense of their great responsibility.

I fear our young people would not be contented with our choosing I suggested. Are they so contended with their own, the honeymoon over? she responded with a smile. We agreed it was a difficult problem viewed from any point. But I still think it would be better were we to heap less ridicule upon the Institution. Matrimony cannot be holy and ridiculous at the same time. We have been familiar with it long enough to make up our minds in which light to regard it.

KOWLOON.

Kowloon may become famous at any moment, according to Mr. W. M. Anderson. It is on the Chinese mainland and faces the island of Hong Kong. Behind Kowloon is 100 miles of British territory, made British by a master-stroke not so long ago. Not all the admirals from Noah to Beresford could take Hong Kong from the sea, and it would require a mighty army of heroes to approach it by land, for that 100 miles is ribbed with mountains which could be made impregnable. Not so long ago, they beheaded criminals on the Kowloon beach. Now the English bathe there, and instead of an executioner's half-acre, there is a boat-house. Kowloon also sent the first batch of coolies to the Rand, but what Kowloon did to make itself known was to give itself up heart and soul to the British as a dockyard. If there is any Englishman alive who has been over those dockyards and come away dissatisfied, he must be a poor sort of person. Hong Kong and Kowloon are going to save Britain in the East.

Kowloon is so far away that we never hear of the men who are making her famous. But there are great men, great Englishmen and Irishmen and Scotchmen, who live amidst the din of the dock-yards of Kowloon, who rise early and go to bed late, all for the sake of England. They are doing a great work for England in another way: they are educating the Chinese to respect the might of England and are converting untrained coolies into skilled mechanics, mechanics who could build a battleship quicker and better than any race of men on earth. I have watched them at work for hours at a time in the Kowloon dockyards, and have come away filled with wonder and admiration on each occasion. But do Englishmen realise what their fellow-countrymen are doing for England at Kowloon? The average man probably has not the slightest idea where the place is, and does not know it is to be celebrated for tea or ginger. He may know all about it in a few months.

Kowloon is to be the terminus at the British end of the Canton-Kowloon Railway, and when Britain holds one end of a railway line it is not long before she has a mortgage over the last sleeper at the other end.

The ordinary visitor crossing over the harbour to Kowloon probably strolls about the streets and returns. If he took the trouble to go a little farther on he would come across the Burmah Regiment and the camp of the Sikhs. He would probably see them playing football to keep in trim, great, long, loose-limbed fellows with mahogany beards, men against whom the gates of Hell could not prevail. Now if any force should advance on Kowloon from the mainland they will find the Sikhs playing forward and the Burmah Regiment formed up in the scrum behind, and it will take a mighty lot of shoving to get them out of the way. I watched the Sikhs playing football on many occasions, and they looked cheerful and healthy. It seems, perhaps, a trivial affair this football of the Sikhs. It is really a very serious matter, and it only shows that they are officered by good men and true. I remember the commanding officer of the Burmahs at Kowloon. He must be a great man, for he has the look of one. He did not live at a swell hotel, nor was he a great society celebrity. His work was too serious for that. He lived very quietly at a quiet hotel. He was as regular as clockworks and up in the morning early. When he looked at you it was a case of looking right into your soul and through it. He kept the Burmahs up to the mark. But he will not become famous, because the women rule the roost in the East, and they do not regard strength of character or genius in others as virtues.

Then there was another man in Kowloon I knew—a young man working in the docks. He also rose early and worked hard. He loved his work, and therefore it is good that he should do there. He was quiet and unassuming, but always kept his mind employed. If the women—the society women—do not stop him, he will rise to fame.

The roar and din and clatter of the Kowloon dockyards are still in my ears, and long may it be before I forget the industry, the determination and the resolute faces of the British who work their will there unknown and unadvertised.

A NEW RUBBER TREE.

M. HENRI INMELLE has discovered a new rubber tree in Madagascar in the jungle in the south of the island. It attains a height of twenty metres, about sixty-five feet and yields a quantity of milk containing 89 per cent of elastic matter, the quality of which is superior it is said, to all other rubber.

It is not advisable to cut down the tree to collect the milk; all that is necessary is to cut transverse incisions in the bark, through which the liquid exudes. This variety of euphorbia may constitute a source of wealth in the young French Colony of Madagascar, especially if other regions, such as the vast plateaus to the west, are planted with this interesting tree.

PEOPLE talk loosely about the ships removed from the first line as having been "condemned" or "scrapped." Reference to the First Lord's memorandum will show that this is a mis-statement. The Nile and Trafalgar, for instance, are still properly regarded as being on the effective list of the Navy. They have been removed from our dockyards to make room for the ever-increasing number of newer ships; they are outside the number of those commissioned either for service or in reserve. But, on the first sign of war, they would be brought forward for service, and would be ready to take their place in substitution for ships damaged in an action. It is really necessary that the public should be warned against misunderstandings and misrepresentations in this connection. The Admiralty were perfectly right in including them in their return of effective ships.

WOMEN AS M.P.'S.

MR. LABOUCHERE IN THE COMMONS.

"COULD a policeman be a woman?"

"Are Archbishops ladies?"

These two problems were propounded by Mr. Labouchere in the House of Commons on May 19. The occasion was a debate on the vexed question of according Parliamentary votes to the other sex. The member for Northampton delivered the direliest speech heard in the House this session. Standing at the foot of the gangway, wearing his favourite outaway coat of blue, Mr. Labouchere kept the House in intermittent roars of laughter for nearly an hour.

"When you argue with a woman you begin to realise how she differs from a man," he said in an attempt to depict what would happen if lady legislators sat in the House, as the proposer of the measure suggested.

"Men are very weak in regard to women. If a male and a female member of the House rose to speak simultaneously the man would always chivalrously give way, no matter what his politics.

"POLITICAL FLIRTATIONS."

"And supposing a man lived with his wife!" the House was almost convulsed with merriment at the supposition! "and they were both members of Parliament, the husband after listening to his wife maundering along in this Chamber would return home to go through it all again!"

"You would turn this venerable and respectable Parliament into a promiscuity of sexes. There are a lot of young men here, and all sorts of political flirtations would go on. It would not be safe. As an old man—I am seventy—I would not place any such temptation in the way of my honourable friends opposite.

"Do you suggest juries of women?" turning to Mr. Bamford Slack, the proposer of the Bill to enfranchise women.

"Certainly," replied the member for St. Albans.

"Oh, one might as well talk to the Mad Mullah," exclaimed Mr. Labouchere amid peals of laughter.

"All we want is freedom," pleaded Mr. Slack.

"So do I," retorted Mr. Labouchere, "freedom for man. I am not going to be crushed under the dominion of women. I am the successor of St. Paul, who objected to women talking in the churches, the discussion places of his time. Take the church now. Are Archbishops women?"

Mr. Labouchere emphasised the limitations of women in regard to citizenship.

"Could a policeman be a woman?" he asked. "Could a woman be a soldier? Women are more beautiful than muscular. And they have no sense of proportion. They exaggerate one thing and despise another."

In the end the Bill was talked out.

About two hundred representatives of the Women's Co-operative Guild and Women's Suffrage Societies attended at the House of Commons, and, when the result of the debate was made known, the indignation of the ladies sought expression in an impromptu demonstration outside.

This was immediately checked by the police, who, however, gallantly led the ladies to a corner in Broad Sanctuary, where a resolution was adopted viewing "with indignation and alarm the existing procedure of the House of Commons, which reduces legislation to a mere game of chance."

LOYAL LITERARY FUND DINNER.

DR. BUTLER, Master of Trinity, presided at the 115th anniversary dinner of the Royal Literary Fund held at the Whitehall Rooms. The list of donations included a seventh donation of 52gs. from the King and £100 from the Gaekwar of Baroda who was one of the guests, the list amounting in all to close upon £1,400. In the course of his eloquent speech proposing the toast of the evening, Dr. Butler instanced many famous men who had needed monetary aid early in their careers, and recounted how Schiller, as a young man, was tormented almost to despair by the thought of the poverty which threatened him. In his twenty-third year, he wandered forth from Stuttgart empty in purse and in hope, but within a very few years some kind hand had ministered to him and given him what was necessary to the support of his noble genius and to the public alone he belonged till his early death. Only seven years before that premature death a young fellow of one of our smallest colleges at Cambridge was travelling in Germany with letters of introduction to the great Goethe and to the younger Schiler, Schiller received him like a brother. Introduced him to his wife and family, took him up to his sanctum at night, and read to him parts of "Wallenstein," which was not published till two years later. "That young Cambridge man who received that delightful attention from Schiller in 1797," added Dr. Butler, "was my own dear father."

WHERE MISSING POSTAL PACKETS GO.

AT Bow-street, Arthur Edward Thomas was charged on remand with stealing a letter containing a £5 Bank of England note and three postal orders. The accused was employed as a porter at the Lombard-street Post-office, and on March 15 last, a letter containing a bank-note and some postal orders posted at that office failed to reach its destination. Inquiries elicited the fact that the note was cashed for the prisoner by a cycle agent at Southend shortly after its disappearance. When arrested on this charge, the prisoner was seen to take from his pocket and throw away a postal packet. This was alleged to have been stolen from the Ludgate-street Post-office, where the prisoner was now employed. On being examined it was found to contain a box of dyspepsia lozenges, and Mr. McIntyre, who prosecuted, said that he should ask for the prisoner's committal for trial upon the charge of stealing the letter and contents and also the packet of lozenges. The accused, who admitted his guilt at the time of arrest, was committed for trial.

PLANTS AND SUICIDE.

Do plants ever commit suicide? The "County Gentleman" makes a suggestion of the kind in the case of some of the clematises: "You can (it says) plant a clematis which does admirably for a few months, even for a few years, in a piece of ground which apparently suits it excellently, and suddenly on a particular day—even when it has been growing and blooming for two or three years—it seems to decide that it will die. The buds droop, the plant withers, and in a few hours it is brown and dead. Why? Nobody has satisfactorily explained this queer propensity to sudden death on the part of plants which under certain conditions not yet thoroughly understood, flourish amazingly well." This tendency to go off suddenly is not altogether confined to the clematis. Without any apparent reason the 'Marechal Niel" rose will sometimes go off "in a night," and limbs of an apricot tree wither as if struck by lightning. Whole beds of pansies succumb as if smitten with paralysis in their prime.

HOME REMITTANCES.

The Treasury Calcutta, 3rd June 1905.

The weekly Memorandum of Remittances to the Home Treasury by means of Council Bills:—

1	Amount to be remitted during 1905-6	£16,500,000
2	Remitted from 1st April 1905 to 3rd June 1905 by Council Bills	£2,541,893
	By Gold	Nil
3	Balance to be remitted from 4th June 1905 to 31st March 1906	£13,955,107

DESTROYERS are in future to carry out battle-practice similar to that of the rest of the fleet, but under conditions laid down specially for themselves. The gunlayer is to fire as many rounds as he can during a one-minute run at a target 8ft. by 6ft. The vessel is to steam end-on at the target at a speed of from 10 to 15 knots, that is, for the 12-pounder gun. For the 6-pounder, its distance is to be 500 yards. The conditions seem satisfactory on the whole, for a destroyer steaming 15 knots towards a stationary object is approaching more rapidly than one doing 25 knots in chase of a torpedo-boat doing 18. The range is also sufficient. But the weakness of the rules seem to be that the speed is laid down with the object of enabling the firing to take place when vibration is at its lowest. It must be remembered, however, that this is a competition, one of the objects of which is to stimulate the men to make themselves efficient gunners.

HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE.

Lady Rawson, wife of Admiral Sir Harry Rawson, the Governor of New South Wales, has been ill for so long that the doctors ordered her away from Sydney. She has arrived in England accompanied by her daughter and her son, Mr. Wyat Rawson. The voyage home did Lady Rawson much good. She may be able to return soon again to Sydney.

The Earl of Elgin to whom birthday congratulations are due was born in Canada six and fifty years ago, when his father, the eighth Earl was Governor-General there, and just eleven years ago he found himself somewhat unexpectedly following in his father's footsteps as Governor-General of India. Though his term as Viceroy involved him in a good deal of criticism, Lord Elgin is a peer of sound judgment and conspicuous fair-mindedness of which he has given ample evidence in his work as Chairman of the War Commission and more recently as Chairman of the Committee of Three to which was delegated the delicate and difficult duty of adjudicating upon the bitter dispute between the Scottish Churches.

Mr. Frank Curzon made a mistake in producing Miss Wingrove at the Strand Theatre instead of say at the Criterion. He himself has said it and most capable judges will agree with him. It would be a similar mistake to have produced A Chinese Honeymoon at Daly's. At the Criterion or the Prince of Wales's Miss Wingrove would have run for months. But it was too dainty and delicate for the Strand. Profiting by experience, Mr. Curzon is now seeking a suitable old rough-and-tumble farce, with plenty of obvious humour and fun. This he will have set to music, and this, no doubt, will prove to the tastes of the patrons of the Strand, where "A Chinese Honeymoon ran" for hundreds of nights.

Not for many years has Sardou "signed" a new play. There is stechnical significance in this term which may not be generally appreciated in this country. A great author only "signs" a play in France when he is proud of it. If it is a "pot-boiler," or if he is not quite satisfied with it, he calls in a "collaborator," whose name is used in connection with the piece. But Sardou has signed "Les Merveuilleuses," the libretto concerned with the Directoire period in France, which he is especially writing for Mr. George Edwardes. A sketch of the scope and scheme of this piece has already been given. It will be a romantic opera, and will be the most important production from the point of view of author, artists, and spectacle, of all Mr. George Edwardes's managerial career.

The Prime Minister has become a patron of the Westminster Hospital Bazaar, to be opened in Dean's-yard. Up to the present sixty-five members of the House of Commons have thus shown their interest in the bazaar. Mrs. Edgar Speyer's health having compelled her very reluctantly to give up the Charles II stall, the Countess of Yarmouth has undertaken its control, in conjunction with the Hon. Mrs. S. Goldman, Hon. Mrs. Anstruther, and Lady Haratis Erskine. The Westminster School Cadet Corps will provide the guard of honour on the occasion of the opening of the bazaar by the Duke of Connaught.

A half-length portrait of the German Empress occupied a prominent place in a Catholic boys' school in the Ermeland district of Eastern Prussia. Recently the Chaplain happened to look closely at the picture, and was horified to find that her Majesty was decolletee. A local house-painter provided a chaste covering of lace for her Majesty's neck, whereupon the picture was permitted to be re-hung in the schoolroom. This incident (says the "Tatler") is now forming the subject of an investigation by the Minister of Education, who considers it a gross insult to the Empress to assume that any picture of her could be immoral.

Scottish noblemen who are not representative peers or possessors of an English peerage have no right of admission to the Peers' Gallery of the House of Commons and Lord Elibank last Session was directed to the distinguished Strangers' Gallery. But the "Times" points out, under latitude formerly prevailed, Lord Balfour of Burleigh states that during the period from March 1899 when in consequence of statutory removal of the attainder passed upon his ancestor Robert in 1715, his title was restored to the list of Scottish Peers, until 1876, when he was elected one of the sixteen Scottish representative Peers, his claim to sit on the Peers' Gallery of the House of Commons was never challenged, and he ascended thither without let or hindrance whenever he thought fit.

Mr. Charles Frohman has some curious things to say about actors and their relation to their audiences apropos to his engagement of Mr. Huntley Wright. "I hold," says Mr. Frohman, 'that it is the audience which does the acting. The audience goes home saying, "How well So-and-So acted to-night.' The actor goes home and says, 'How well the audience acted to-night.' The good actor is he who can 'compel" the audience to act well, who can make them provide the applause and the laughs who can play upon them, and make them do their parts properly. It is this power which I think Mr. Wright possesses in so strong a degree. And it is for that reason that I am going to provide him with a non-musical play in which to appear at first. In musical comedy everything is done for the actor—the songs, the spectacle, the chorus—all help him enormously. In plays without music he has to make the situation for himself. And that is what I think Mr. Wright can do. At any rate, we are going to try."

Mr Arthur Bourchier has not yet finally decided whether the successor of The Walls of Jericho at the Garrick Theatre shall be The Duel—of which many details have recently been given in these columns—or Sheridan the new play he has secured from Miss Unger. He has as yet plenty of time in which to make up his mind, for Mr Sutro's drama shows no signs as yet of diminishing attractiveness to the public. Miss Unger's piece is concerned with a later romance of Sheridan, dramatist and politician. He is a widower, and is secretly beloved by the girl who is the intended wife of his son. The result is that the father runs raway with the girl. The scenes of the play are laid at Waustead—a place similar to Gretna Green in its relation to love affair of this sudden and secret kind.

Mr. Frederic Harrison and Mr. Cyril Maude anticipated that "Everybody's Secret" would outlast their partnership and that it would be the final production of a joint reign so unfortunately dissolved by irreconcilable differences. It was even a point of discussion between them as to what should become of "Everybody's Secret" should it be in the full tide of its success when the time came for them to separate. Should Mr. Maude take it with him to his new home, and pay Mr. Harrison his share, or should Mr. Maude secure the piece right out? But 'Everybody's Secret" has settled the point for them. It will retire before they dissolve. It is curious, by the way, to notice that "The Beauty and the Barge" lived so briefly after it was removed from Wyndham's to the Haymarket and now "Everybody's Secret" is to be withdrawn although the production of "The Creole" so recently strengthened the programme considerably.

Baron de Robeck, whose somewhat sensational action against Captain Somerset Saunderson for a slander alleged to be uttered to Mrs. Charles Wilson has just been advanced a stage by the House of Lords proceedings, is a descendant of John Henry Fock, the Swedish nobleman who served in America with the French Army under the Comte de Rochambeau in 1781, naturalised in England eighty years later, and marrying the daughter and heiress of the first Lord Gowran, a peerage now extinct, settled down in Ireland. His son fought with Sir John Moore in Spain, and came home to High Sheriff successively for Kildare, Dublin, and Wicklow, and married first, the daughter of the second Lord Cloncurry, a marriage which was dissolved in 1828, and secondly the niece of the third Duke of Leinster. The present Baron is the fifth holder of the title and was formerly a captain in the Royal Artillery. He is forty-six, and married some nineteen years ago, the youngest daughter of Mr. L. W. Alexander, of Straw Hall, county Carlow:

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THE WEATHER.

THE WEATHER AT SEA.

The B. I. S. N. Co.'s steamer Umta, Captain D. F. Lee, which arrived in harbour on Tuesday from Rangoon, reports having experienced in the Bay of Bengal light to moderate westerly wind and smooth seas, on the Malabar Coast light N. W. to N. E. winds and occasional showers of rain, with moderate westerly swell. Northward of Carwar. The P. and O. Co's s. s. Chusan, Captain H. W. Kenrick, which reached at Bombay on the 4th instant, from China had fresh to light monsoon and cloudy moderate S. W. and westerly swell. The steamer King Robert, Captain E. M. Saunders, which arrived in harbour on the 6th instant, from Colombo, met with 1st port squally weather, latter port fine. The Florio and Rubattino S. N. Company's steamer Ischia, which reached at Bombay on Tuesday from China, encountered strong winds in the Gulf of Bengal. The steamer Provincia, Captain Courtade, arrived in harbour on Tuesday, from Colombo, experienced moderate breeze N. E. to E. N. E.

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Date	Temperature		Rainfall	
June	Max.	Min.	Inches	Cents
5th	81°	70°	0	13

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, THE 7TH OF JUNE.

STATIONS.	Pressure 8 A.M.	Wind. Direction.	Wind. Average hourly.	Temperature in Shade. Maximum of past 24 hours.	Temperature in Shade. Minimum of past 24 hours.	Temperature in Shade. Humidity 8 A.M.	Rainfall. Past 24 hours.	Rainfall. Since 1st June to date.	Rainfall. Variation from date.
Bushire	29·84	Calm	0	95°	79°	98	....	0·00	— 0·00
Jask	29·87	ENE	5	102°	85°	25	....	0·00	— 0·10
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THE following letter is published in relation to an incident of the King's visit to Paris:—I should be greatly obliged to you, if you would kindly give publicity to the following contradiction of reports which have appeared in some of the English papers with reference to the King's most gracious command to a young lady (who is my daughter) to come to the Hotel Bristol to gratify her desire to see him prior to his departure from Paris. She is described as a cripple, hopelessly paralysed, and wan-featured, and in other papers as a paralysed girl, and a purely imaginary and most incorrect sketch was published in an illustrated paper of a pitiful invalid on a stretcher taking the extended hand of the King! It is also stated that her mother addressed herself to the manager of the hotel to gain admittance to His Majesty's presence! Will you allow me to relate the true facts of the case? The young lady who is in her eighteenth year and of good family, is not at all paralytic; she is, on the contrary, in glowing health, and radiant with freshness and bright spirits notwithstanding that she is refraining from walking at present by the advice of a Parisian specialist in order to more thoroughly complete the entire cure of a sprained knee. The King having heard that, to her great disappointment, a box at the theatre he attended could not be secured at any price for her, as it was too late when the announcement of his presence there reached her, very graciously commanded her, through Sir Francis Bertie, to come the next morning to the hotel, where every facility would be given her. At the appointed hour the young lady drove up accompanied by her mother. She was charmingly attired in a pastel blue pelisse ornamented with guipure and ermine, and wore a white plumed hat with blonde veil and she carried in her arms the smallest Brussels griffon in Paris. When the King came and spoke to her she replied with a sweet composure. She was, of course, deeply touched by his kindness and charmed by his musical voice and the unsurpassable gentleness of manner, which marks him so strongly as 'un homme de coeur, able to enter intuitively into the feelings of others. It is to that inexpressible charm of manner that his Majesty owes his extreme popularity in France, where rich and poor alike all say "Ah, le Roi Edouard est bien-aime en France!"

Stories of Royal children are generally regarded with some suspicion but I have had a reliable assurance that the following is authentic. The Princess Victoria of York was recently asked whether she would like to have a little sister. After some deliberation she replied: "A sister, yes; but not another Princess." There is a world of suggestion in that reply.

The young King of Spain, like King Edward and King Leopold, is an enthusiastic motorist, and this causes no little uneasiness to his Ministers, who apart from the question of his personal safety, do not approve of their King, disguised in visored cap and goggles, seeing a good deal more of his country and people than he would do were he to make a royal progress surrounded by officials. Indeed, so strongly did his Ministers feel at the time of the young King's last motor tour that not only did the Cabinet invoke the intervention of the Queen-mother, but the Premier threatened to resign if the projected tour were insisted upon.

A well-known novelist, who, by his own desire, shall be as nameless as one of those novels of mystery and diplomacy of his which have won him a world-wide reputation, informs me that all the differences between the Queen of Saxony and her husband have now been amicably settled. My correspondent and his wife are personal friends of the Queen and he adds that recent differences would never have arisen, but for certain irresponsible Continental journalists, who invented interviews and gossip that had no foundation whatsoever. As the countess of Montignoso, the Queen lives incognito in a pretty villa in Florence with her infant daughter, Monica, a sweet, fair-haired child of two years. She has with her the Countess Tugger, one of the best-known ladies at the Austrian Court, as lady-in-waiting, and leads a very quiet and retired life.

Some absurd reports have been rife about certain London jewellers offering the Queen twelve thousand pounds for a rope of pearls, but, as a matter of fact, she has no intention of selling any of her magnificent jewels, as she is wealthy and has no occasion for so doing. It appears that for many months the Court agents have been investigating the reports invented by Continental agents, with the result that theKing of Saxony has not only given the Queen charge of the Princess Monica, but has considerably increased her income. The Queen is an accomplished linguist, a clever composer of music, and a great lover of horses. She may be seen every morning riding in the Cascine inFlorence, but at an early hour before there are any curious onlookers.

Viscount Trafalgar, whose tragic death came as such a shock to his friends and relatives, had borne that courtesy designation for upwards of half a century. His father, the octogenarian Earl Nelson, who, although neither the oldest peer nor the Father of the House of Lords, has, nevertheless, borne the family honours longer than any member of that House, does not, of course, descend lineally from the hero, who fell at Trafalgar a hundred years ago. His progenitor is the great admiral's brother, who was created an Earl three weeks after Horatio Lord Nelson's death, with remainder to his sister's son. The present Earl's patronymic is really Bolton, although he has not only exchanged that surname for Nelson but has christened all his sons Horatio after their immortal great granduncle.

Trafalgar (which the family, by-the-way, accents on the last syllable, and not as the world at large pronounces the square) has given a name not only to Earl Nelson's viscountcy which is styled in the patent of creation Merton of Trafalgar—but also to his family seat near Salisbury. Trafalgar House was bought out of the Parliamentary grant of £120,000, which was voted to Nelson's family after his death, on the motion of Lord Henry Petty, afterwards Marquis of Lansdowne. Each of the Admiral's sisters got £10,000 his brother (the first Earl) another £10,000, and the balance was spent on the Wiltshire estate. A perpetual pension of £5,000 a year was also annexed to the Earldom. The Duke of Wellington's pension, voted ten years later, was limited to himself and his two next successors in the Dukedom, so that the present Duke (the fourth) does not enjoy it.

Sir William Bailey who owns a beautiful seat near Manchester, was presented with the freedom of the City of London last week. He was knighted by Queen Victoria on the first boat to enter the Manchester Ship Canal. Sir William has been well-known for years as an eminent engineer and antiquary, but it is his most recent invention that will bring him world-wide notice and fame. This is a piece of mechanism fixed at one of the docks on the Thames for recording the height of the tide and all its fluctuations, a most simple but absolutely reliable contrivance, which will be of immense value.

Viscount Grimston, to whom you referred recently as one of the heaviest oars that ever gained his blue, is (writes a correspondent) the only son of a father who is also of somewhat massive proportions. Lord Grimston is the heir to an historic estate, since it was once the property of the great Sir Francis Bacon who wrote most of his philosophical works at Gorhambury. Another interesting point is that the greater portion of the estate lies within the boundary of the ancient Roman city of Verulamium. Among his other future possessions are the only Roman theatre in the kingdom—buried, but quite intact, even to the painting on the walls, a priceless collection of pictures with some notable portrait of Bacon, and a whole King's share in the New River Company. Lord Grimston is an apostle of the no-hat crusade. I have seen him in rain and in sunshine walking along the streets of St. Albans and the roads and lanes in the neighbourhood always carrying his hat in his hand, and when riding his bicycle his hat is generally tied on behind the saddle.

The news that the clever Neapolitan novelist Signora Matilde Serao is engaged in writing a play for her old friend and comrade Eleanora Duse is of particular interest to an English public on account of the popularity of both authoress and actress. The title of the new play, which contains only four characters, is After the Pardon. Matilde Serao was born in Greece. Her father however was a Neapolitan, and in Naples she spent her childhood and early youth. But it was in Rome that she won her spurs as a journalist, making her debut in a short-lived journal called the Cronica Bisamtina at the age of twenty. Later, as Chiquita, she gained much prestige by her clever and interesting contributions to the Capitan Fracassa.

A distinguished member of the staff of this paper was Signor Edouard Scarfoglio. He, her severest literary critic, fell in Love with her, and ended in becoming her husband. After the marriage, they both left the Capitan Fracassa to found the famous Courrier de Rome, which after a brilliant existence in its birthplace migrated to Naples, and became the flourishing Courrier de Naples. Matilde Serao's impressions of these strenuous days in which she worked unsparingly in the cause of the newspaper, side by side with her husband, are recorded in her novel, 'The Life and Adventures of Riccardo Joanno.' The Signora has a family of six children besides an adopted little girl, whose mother died in Napoles under tragic and painful circumstances.

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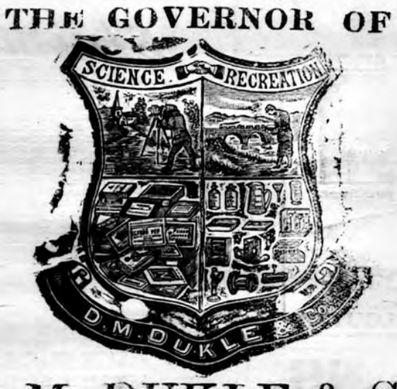

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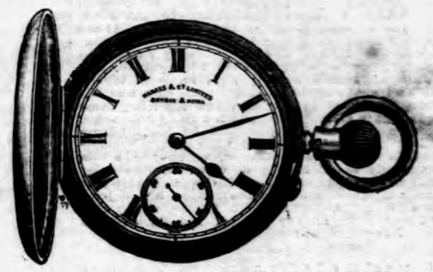

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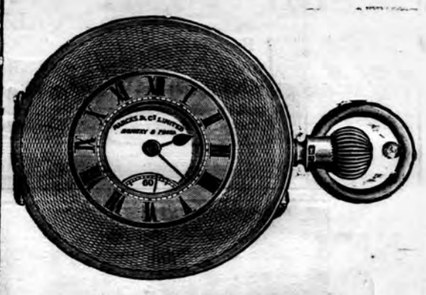

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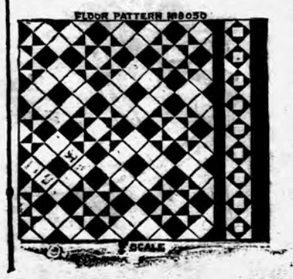

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